

# Creating a Civil Appeal and documents in Appellate eFiling NJ eDATA

New Jersey Electronic Docketing of Appeals and Tracking Application



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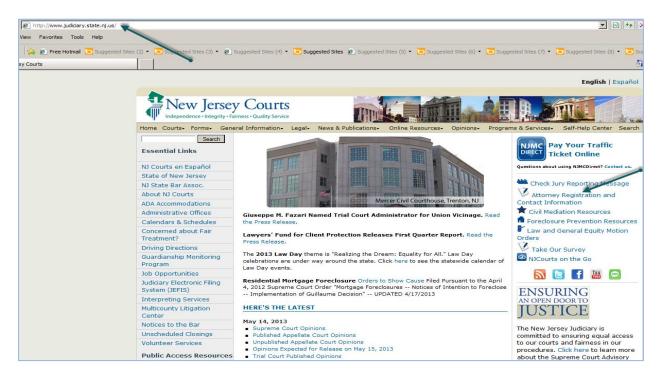
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# Steps for Creating a Civil Appeal

## First time User Registration

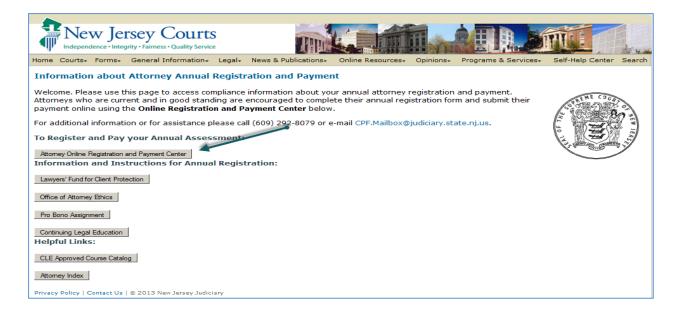
Register for NJeDATA by going to the NJ Courts website: <a href="http://www.judiciary.state.nj.us/">http://www.judiciary.state.nj.us/</a>

Click on the Attorney Registration and Contact information Link.



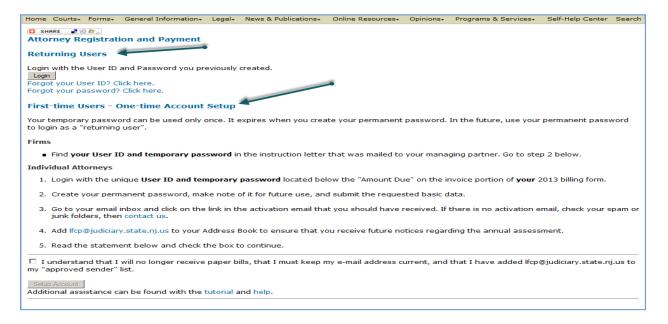
## **Link to Online Registration**

Click on Attorney Online Registration and Payment Center button.



## First Time Users or Returning Users

Follow instructions for the First time users on the page. Returning users, Click **Login.** 

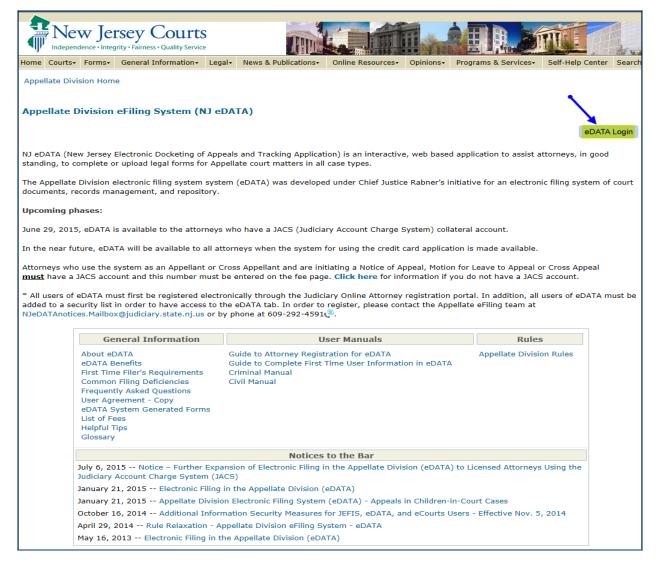


#### **OR**

You can also click on the Appellate eFiling link from the New Jersey Courts website.

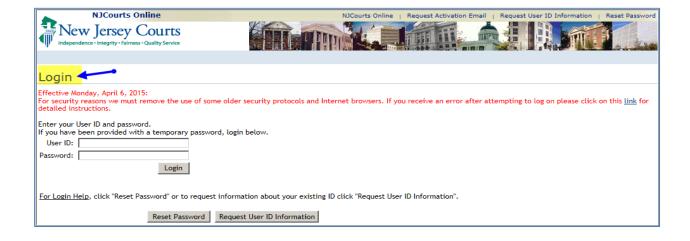


This is the webpage for Appellate Division eFiling System (NJ eDATA), where you can find information regarding NJ eDATA. You can click on eDATA Login button to get the login screen also, or save the webpage as a favorite.



## Registered Users Log In

Log in using filer's User Id (Bar Id) # and Password.



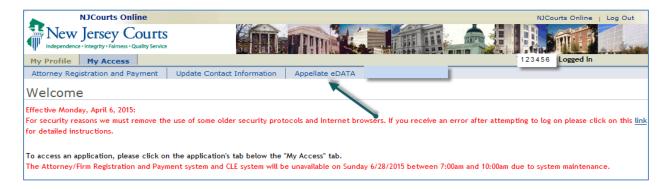
## **Application Access**

In order to proceed with an eDATA appeal, you must first update your Contact Information on the NJ Courts Application under My Access.

Your firm address information will now be directly pulled from the Central Attorney Management System (CAMS). All attorneys will be required to register online. To verify your contact information, select Update Contact information from My Access tab.



Click on the Appellate eDATA tab under My Access.



#### **First Time User Information**

Complete First Time User Information - This is a one-time only event.



## First time User Agreement

Read the User Agreement.

# TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ACCESS TO AND PARTICIPATION IN NEW JERSEY JUDICIARY ELECTRONIC APPLICATIONS

For the purposes of Agreement, the term "application" includes the Judiciary Electronic Filing and Imaging System (JEFIS), eCourts, Appellate eFiling (NJ eDATA), Supreme Court efiling, and the Electronic Access Program (EAP) or other systems as designated by the Judiciary.

#### TERM/TERMINATION

Participation in New Jersey Judiciary Electronic User Applications begins immediately upon the completion of online registration and the designation of the user ID and initial password.

Where applicable, registration constitutes the user's request for, and consent to, electronic service of court-generated documents and documents filed electronically by other parties for cases that are initiated electronically.

The Judiciary may terminate this participation agreement by giving written notice to all parties. The effective date of the termination shall be seven (7) days after the other party's receipt of the notice of termination, unless participation is terminated as described below or unless a Court Rule, Administrative Directive, or other authority indicates otherwise.

#### Scroll down, confirm and submit the User Agreement.

It will not be a violation of this section for the participant:

- (i) to make copies of instructional or reference material solely for its own use; or
- (ii) to copy or disclose any trial court records or files that are accessible to the public pursuant to the access rules set forth herein or in the instructional or reference materials.

The participant will take all steps reasonably necessary to protect the Judiciary's rights for restricted usage and the participant will advise its employees who are provided access to the application of the restrictions upon duplication, disclosure and use.

✓ I confirm that I have read, understood, and agree to abide by the terms of the user agreement above

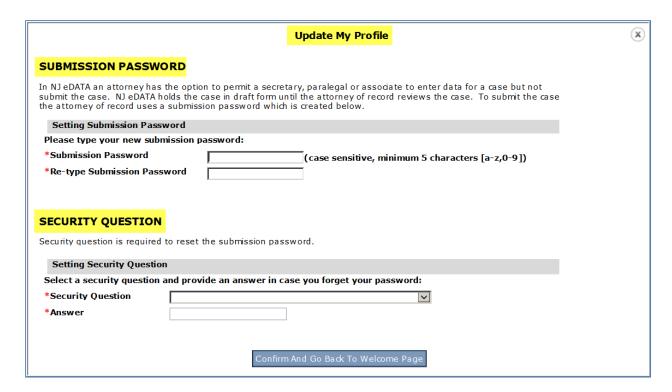
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For questions concerning the registration process or for technical problems, contact the Help Desk of the application(s) to which you have been granted access.

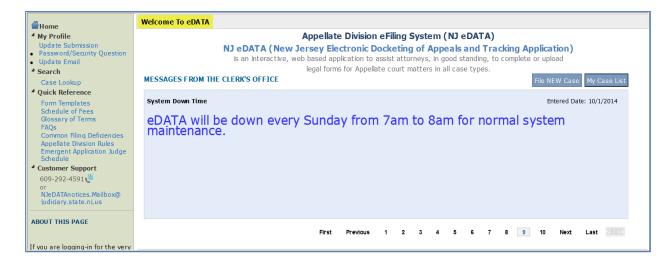
NJ eDATA User Agreement

## **Update My Profile**

- 1. Initially, you are required to update your profile by creating a Submission Password.
- Additionally, you are required to set up the Security Question and Answer, so that in future, if you ever need to reset your submission password, you can do so by answering your Security Question that you had set up here.



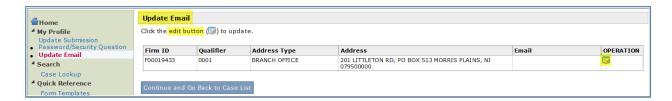
After updating your user profile, you will see the NJ eDATA Home/Welcome page. Please review all bulletins by clicking on the Next button for any updates or system down times.



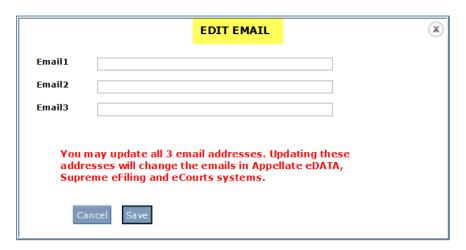
## **Email and Address**

Currently, eDATA system has an established interface with the **eCourts** system to pull out the attorney's emails.

In addition, eDATA system has an established interface with **CAMS** (Central Attorney Management System) to pull out the attorney's associated firms mailing addresses.



First time filers will be required to enter an email address before you can proceed with a filing. Select Update Email and click the Edit button under operation. You can add up to 3 email addresses to receive eDATA notifications, at least one email address must be provided.



<u>Note:</u> If you are currently registered for eCourts, Appellate eDATA will display the email addresses you entered in the eCourts application. Be advised that any changes to the email addresses in Appellate eDATA will also change the emails in the eCourts and Supreme eFiling systems.

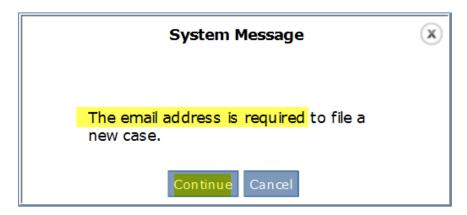
## **Creating an Appeal**

## **Home/Welcome Page**

On the NJ eDATA Home/Welcome page - Choose **File New Case** link or **File New Case** button - both perform the same function.



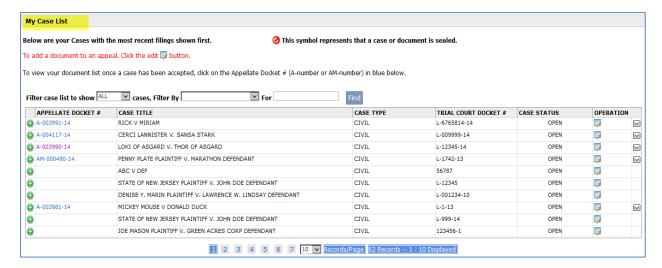
**File NEW Case** will display the "Case Lookup" screen, but if we do not have any emails on file, system will give you this pop-up error message.



Continue button will put you on the "Update Email" page, where you can add your emails using the Edit button under the Operation column.

To review previously filed case, click on My Case List.

- a) New appeals in Draft (awaiting completion) can be accessed through the edit button.
- b) Appeals with a docket number can be viewed by clicking on the docket number or edited by using the edit button.

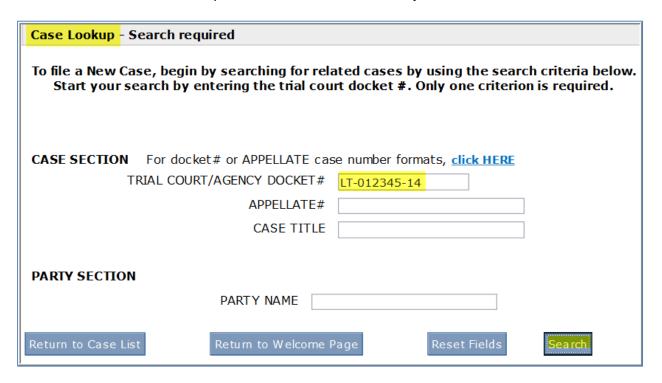


## Case Lookup

To search for possible prior related cases, perform a case lookup search before proceeding.

Search by inputting a TRIAL COURT DOCKET #, click Search. Start with the lead docket # you are using to create the appeal. Additional trial court docket numbers can be searched and added later in case details screen.

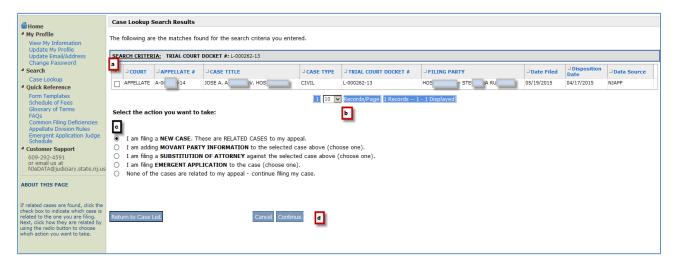
If the search result does not return any record, search by PARTY NAME, or a combination of other parameters to narrow down your search results.



#### **Related Cases**

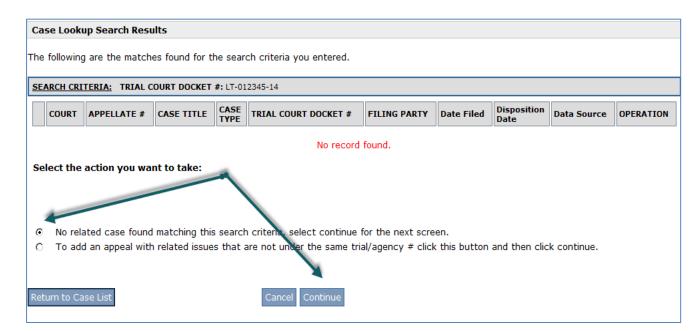
Refer to corresponding letters in diagram.

- a. Check one or several boxes if the search reveals a related case.
- b. If your search results yields more cases than fit on one page, click on the drop down arrow to increase the number of items on the page.
- c. Click one of the radio buttons to indicate a relationship or that none of the cases are related.
- d. To move to the next page click continue.



#### No Search Results found

If there are no records found for search results, click on No Related case found and click continue.



## **Submit a New Case**

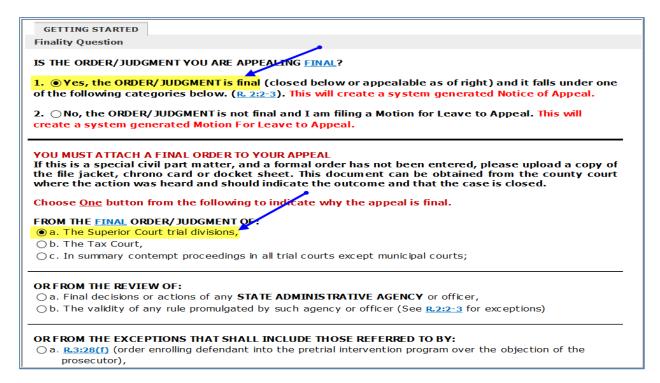
- a. Use drop down list to select the type of filing you are creating, for example NEW APPEAL or MOTION FOR LEAVE TO APPEAL and click on Continue.
- b. If you searched by name, fill in trial court docket number from the order you are appealing. If you previously searched by docket #, the trial court number is pre-filled.



## **Finality**

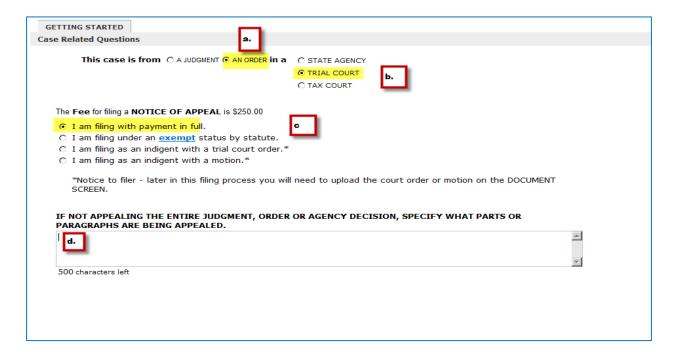
Is the order you are appealing from FINAL?

- 1. Select the **Yes** button and a Notice of Appeal (NOA) is created and the document system generated.
- Select the trial court from the second paragraph. OR
- Select the **No** button and a Motion for Leave to Appeal (MLA) is created and the document system generated. .
- 4. Select where the order originated (Superior Court, Tax Court, Agency or a selection from the list of exceptions).



## **Case Related Questions**

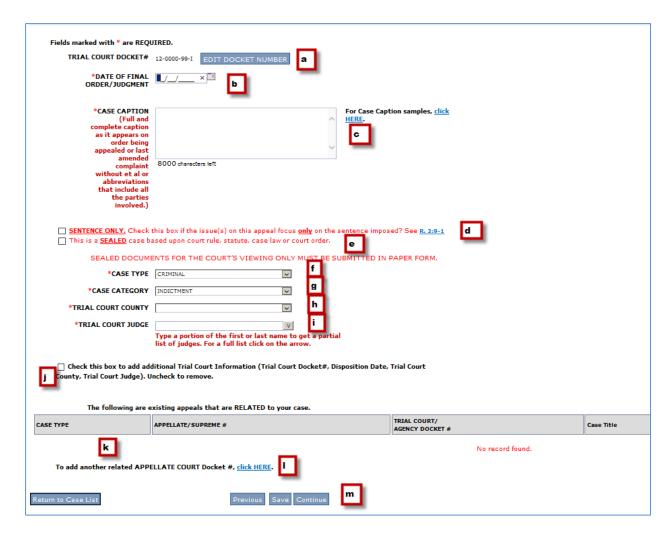
- a. Choose Judgment or Order.
- b. TRIAL COURT is preselected and is prefilled from previous radio button selection in the finality question.
- c. Choose a fee type. You must have a JACS charge account to file.
- d. If not appealing entire judgment, use this box to specify those portions in detail.



## **Case Details Page**

This covers the creation of the front page of the Notice of Appeal.

- a. TRIAL COURT DOCKET# Edit your trial court number if it is incorrect the full number including the letter prefix and any zeros is required.
- b. DATE OF FINAL ORDER Use the calendar feature or type in the date you are appealing which is found on the trial court order.
- c. CASE CAPTION Fill in the full and complete caption as it appears on the order in the format shown below, do not type as one line of text.
- d. SENTENCE ONLY check this box for criminal appeals if the only issue is sentencing.
- e. SEALED Click on the check box for SEALED if the matter is sealed to the public.
- f. CASE TYPE is prefilled for Civil or Family or State Agency based upon the trial court docket number. If this is not correct, change it through the drop down menu.
- g. CASE CATEGORY can be changed. Use the drop down to do so.
- h. TRIAL COURT COUNTY Use the drop down menu for the county.
- i. TRIAL COURT JUDGE Type in 4 or 5 letters of the trial court judge's first or last name to get a shortlist, double click on the judge you need.
- j. Use this check box to add additional trial court docket numbers, i.e., a consolidated case.
- k. Related appeals show here if you selected cases in the initial search.
- I. Add related cases if they did not appear in the search or you didn't find them.
- m. Save or Continue Save if you need to find other information. Continue if you are finished.

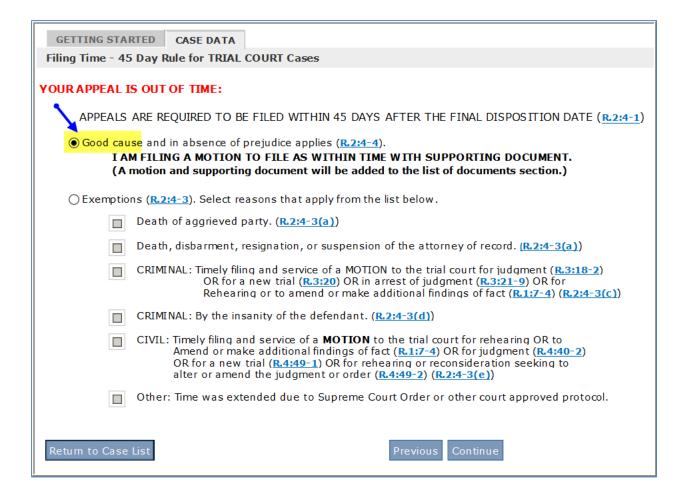


## **Filing Time**

If the appeal is filed after 45 days, a required Notice of Motion form will be system generated and will be automatically inserted in the List of Documents section on later screen.

Unless the case falls under one of the exceptions below, you will check the radio button indicating that good cause applies and that a motion to file As Within Time is being filed.

\* PLEASE NOTE THAT THE FILING TIME OF 45 DAYS IS STRICTLY ENFORCED. THE COUNTING OF 45 DAYS INCLUDES WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS.



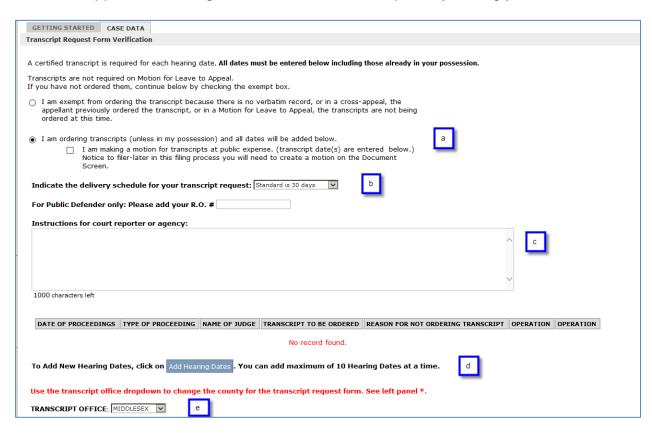
## **Transcript Verification**

All transcript dates are entered either showing they are ordered or in your possession. The verification form is automatically sent to the county transcript office. You will be contacted by the transcription agency for payment.

- a. Select if you are ordering transcripts or not
- b. Check the delivery schedule by using the drop down → Standard, expedited or daily.



- Provide instructions to the court reporter for certain portions of the transcript if necessary.
- d. Click Add Hearing Date button to enter specific dates.
- e. Transcript office is prefilled for the trial courts based upon earlier data. If you need to order a transcript from a different county, complete and submit the appeal and then go back and add a new request by editing your case.



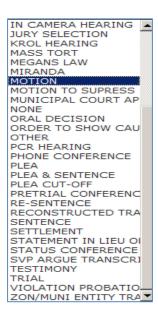
## **Add New Hearing Date**



a. Click on the calendar to select date of proceeding.



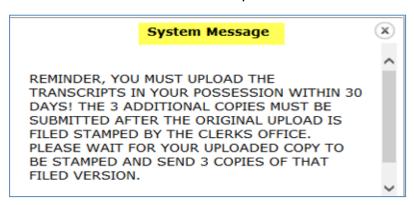
b. Use the drop down for proceeding type.



- c. Name of Judge is prefilled from case details but can be changed by clicking on the drop down arrow.
- d. Check box if transcripts are to be ordered.
- f. If transcript is not to be ordered, use the drop down to indicate the reason why not.
- g. Plus + sign to add additional dates. Click save after 10 dates and then click Add Hearing date again for more entries.

#### **Transcripts in Attorney Possession**

When you indicate that transcripts are in attorney possession, eDATA displays a popup after the List of Documents page to remind you that transcripts must be uploaded within 30 days and the 3 additional copies submitted must be the filed stamped version of the original upload. Therefore, you will need to wait for your uploaded copy to be filed stamped by the Clerk's office and forward 3 copies of the same.

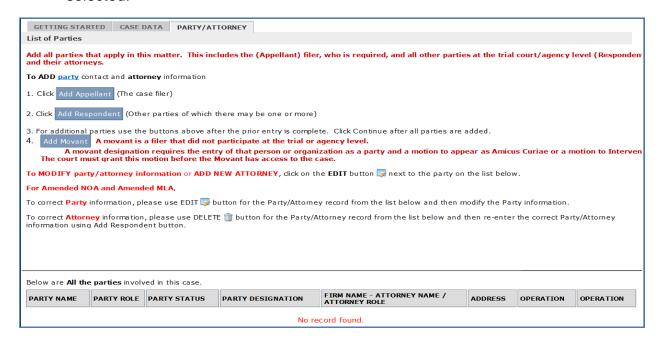


#### **List of Parties**

Use the buttons to add the parties to the appeal.

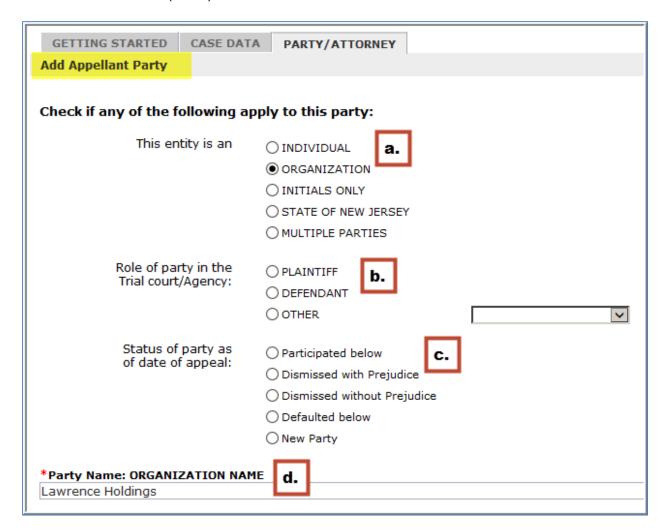
1<sup>st</sup> Click **ADD APPELLANT** button and fill in the information required, your client name, etc.

2<sup>nd</sup> Return to List of Parties and click **ADD RESPONDENT** button - the AG is prefilled on some State Agency appeals if the appropriate State Agency was selected.



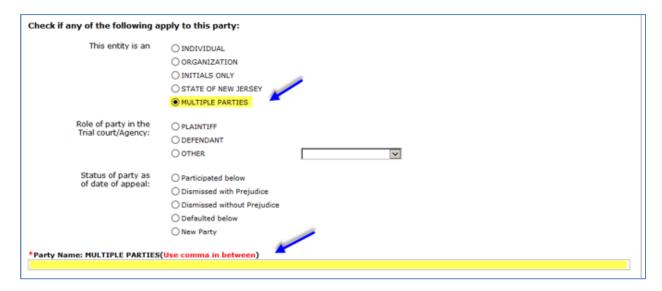
**Appellant - Party Information** 

- a. Entity Click on INDIVIDUAL, ORGANIZATION, INITIALS or MULTIPLE PARTIES.
- b. Role of Party Click DEFENDANT OR PLAINTIFF OR OTHER.
- Status of Party Click Participated below if they did or any of the other options.
- d. Party Name Add in first and last name or organization name or initials combined (KMC).



#### **Multiple Parties**

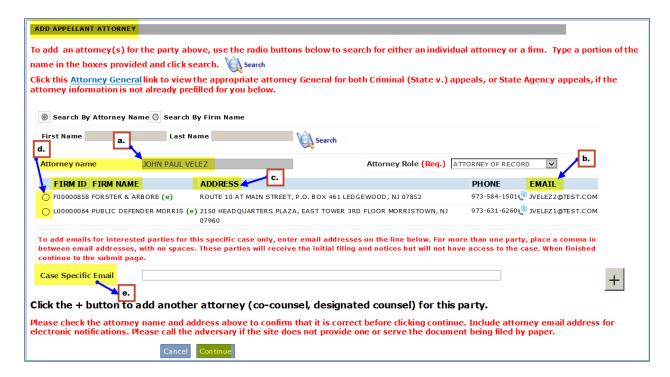
The Multiple Parties option has been added for those attorneys that are representing multiple parties within the case. You will no longer be required to enter each party separately. The field has a 200 character limit and commas must be used to separate party names. If you have more parties than 200 characters then please use et al., your brief will reflect the additional parties that you represent. When viewing the names the line doesn't display all that you typed but in reviewing the appeal you will see the parties listed.



## **Appellant - Attorney Information**

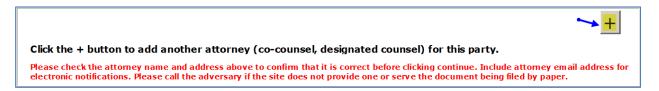
- a. Attorney Name is prefilled based on your login and Bar ID #.
- b. Currently eDATA system has an established interface with **eCourts** system to pull out the attorney's emails.
- Currently eDATA system has an established interface with CAMS (Central Attorney Management System) to pull out the attorney's physical addresses.
- d. If the attorney is associated with multiple firms in CAMS system, a list of the firms will display in this section and the filer is required to select the correct firm address in order to proceed with the filing.
- e. Case Specific Email → To add emails for interested parties for this specific case only, enter email addresses in this field. These parties will receive the initial filing and notices but will not have access to the case.

When finished, click Continue to proceed to add the respondent.



#### **CO-COUNSEL**

To add another attorney for co-counsel click the plus sign at the right hand corner on the bottom of the page. Continue with the procedure of selecting the appropriate attorney through the search option.



Type in Co-Counsel's name and click Search.



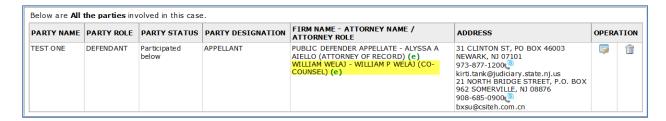
Double Click on the attorney to enter data into the fields.



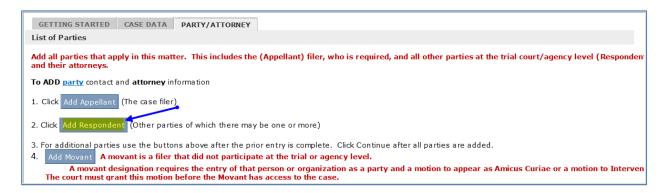
Make sure the attorney role is selected and then click continue. If this attorney does not have the eCourts email, you are required to type his email in the case specific email field.



The list of parties now shows the co-counsel.



Click on the Add Respondent button to proceed.

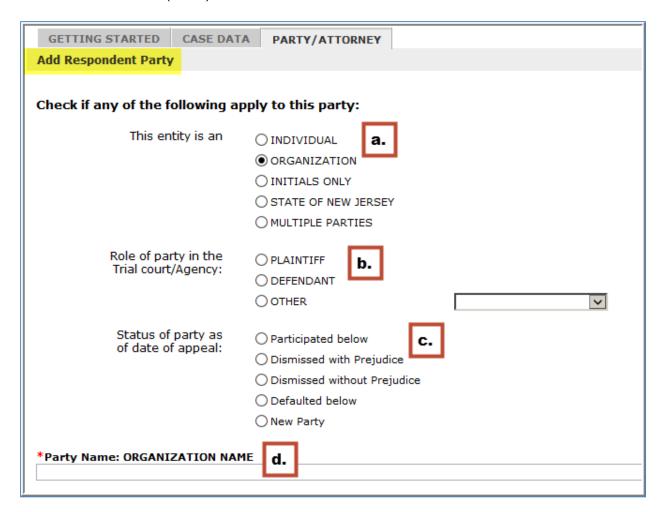


## **Respondent - Party Information**

Follow the steps for adding the party information.

Check the buttons that apply and type in the adversary's name. Scroll down to the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the page.

- Entity Click on INDIVIDUAL, ORGANIZATION, INITIALS or MULTIPLE PARTIES.
- b. Role of Party Click DEFENDANT OR PLAINTIFF OR OTHER.
- c. Status of Party Click Participated below if they did or any of the other options.
- d. Party Name Add in first and last name or organization name or initials combined (KMC).



## **Respondent - Attorney Information**

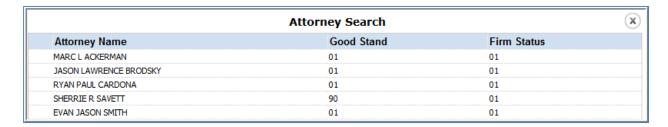
Search for the attorney using either the Search by Attorney Name or Search by firm name buttons.



Double click on the firm that applies.



Double click on the individual attorney within the firm.

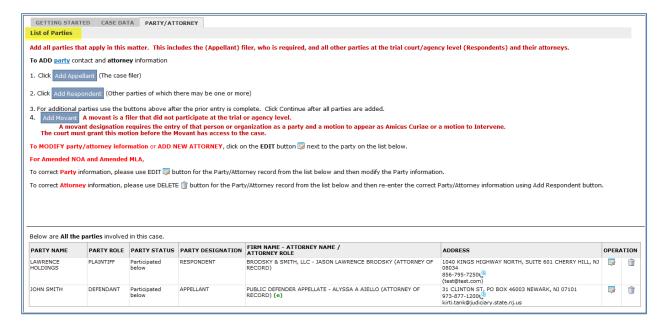


Attorney information is prefilled based upon selections above. Make sure the email address is filled in for the attorney.



## **List of Parties**

The list indicates the parties are already added. To add another, click the Add Appellant or Add Respondent buttons again. To edit for corrections, click the edit button. If complete, click continue.



#### **List of Documents**

Documents listed on this page are required to file your appeal.

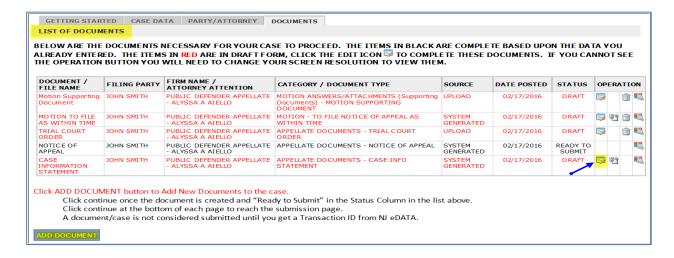
Documents in **black** have been system generated/created by the data previously entered.

Documents in red are in Draft form and need additional information.

Click on the edit button to complete a document that is in Draft form.

Click on Add New Documents button if you want to add additional documents to the filing.

When documents are complete the status will reflect ready to submit.



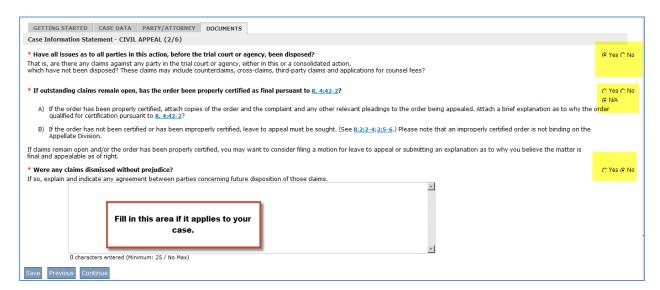
## **Case Information Statement**

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See notations in orange boxes below. Highlighted areas are normally the same responses for each appeal.



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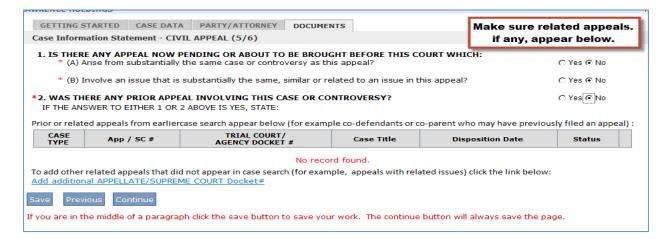
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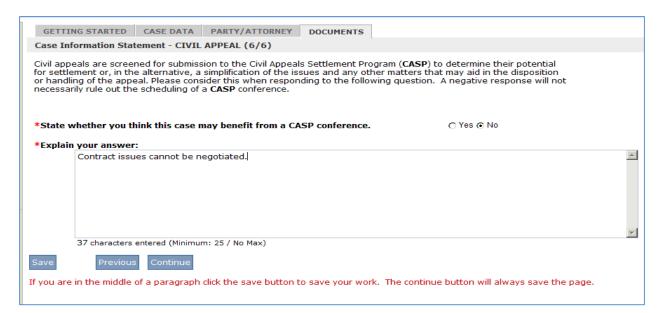
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GETTING STARTED CASE DATA PARTY/ATTORNEY DOCUMENTS			
Case Information Statement - CIVIL APPEAL (4/6)			
IF YOU ARE APPEALING FROM A JUDGMENT ENTERED BY A TRIAL JUDGE SITTING WITHOUT A JURY OR FROM AN ORDER OF THE TRIAL COURT, COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:			
* 1. Did the trial judge issue oral findings or an opinion? If so, on what date?	C Yes  € No		
* 2. Did the trial judge issue written findings or an opinion? If so, on what date?	C Yes  O No		
* 3. Will the trial judge be filing a statement or an opinion pursuant to $\frac{R.2:5-1(b)}{2}$ ?	C Yes C No € UNKNOWN		
Caution: Before you indicate that there was neither findings nor an opinion, you should inquire of the trial judge to determine whether findings or an opinion was placed on the record out of counsel's presence or whether the judge is filing a statement or opinion pursuant to R.2:5-1(b).  DATE OF YOUR INQUIRY (MM/DD/YYYY)			
* Is the validity of a statute, regulation, executive order, franchise or constitutional provision of this State being questioned? (R.2:5-1(h))			
Save Previous Continue			
If you are in the middle of a paragraph click the save button to save your work. The continue button will always save the page.			

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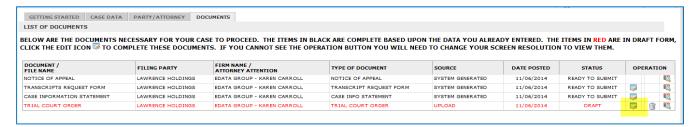


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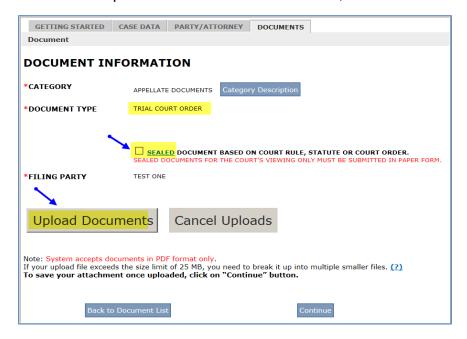


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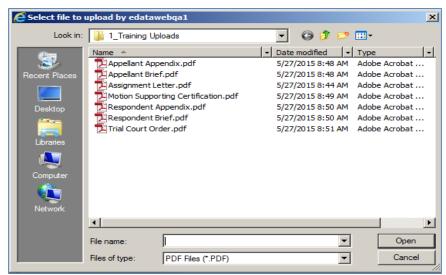
Click on the edit button to upload the trial court order that was scanned into your machine's documents.



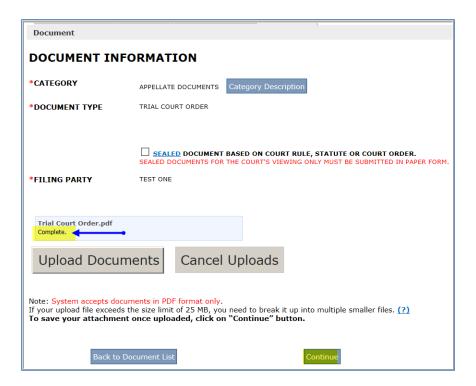
Click upload. If the document is sealed, click the sealed check box.



Double Click on the order.



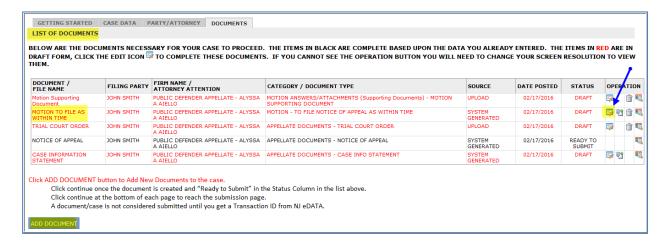
Click continue when the upload is complete.



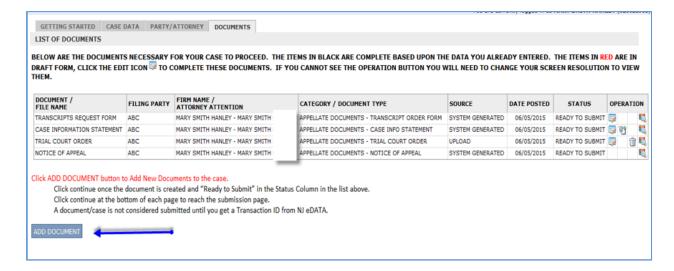
## **Motion Creation**

#### **List of Documents**

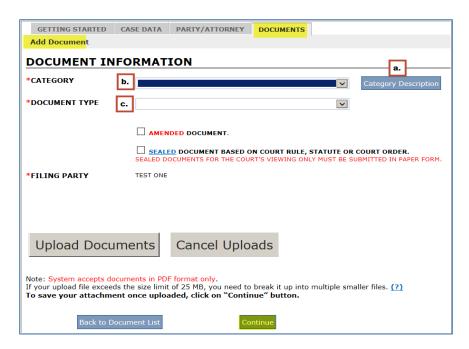
If a motion is necessary it will be added on the list of documents if the case is out of time. Click on the edit button to continue with the system generated motion, otherwise you can also add a motion by clicking on the Add Document button.



You can also add a motion by clicking on the Add Document button.



Use the drop downs to provide the appropriate motion type.

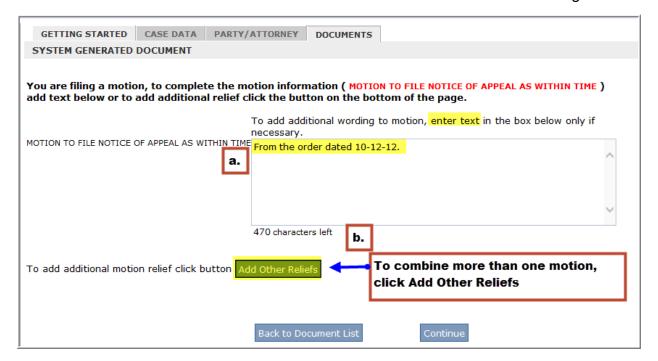


- Category Description Explains which Document Type belongs to which Category
- b. Category Select motion from the drop down.
- c. Document Type Select the type of motion needed.

Click Continue button at the bottom of page and a system generated Notice of Motion will be created.

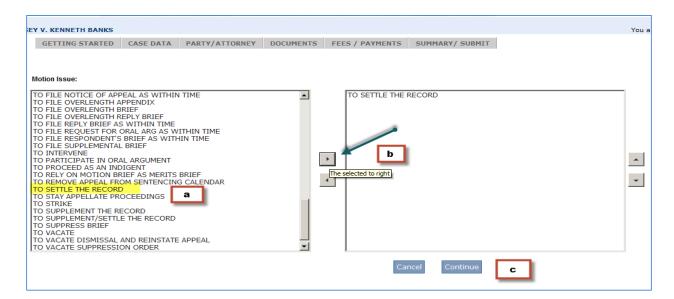
#### **Motion Text**

- a. Add additional wording if necessary to support the motions, (see example in text box-Be Brief). Motions to extend time require the date of the extension.
- b. Click Add Other Reliefs to combine more than one motion in this filing.



## **Adding Additional Relief**

- a. Click to highlight a motion type from the list.
- b. Click the arrow to move it to the motion issue box.
- c. Click continue.



## **Motion supporting document**

### **Upload Supporting Document**

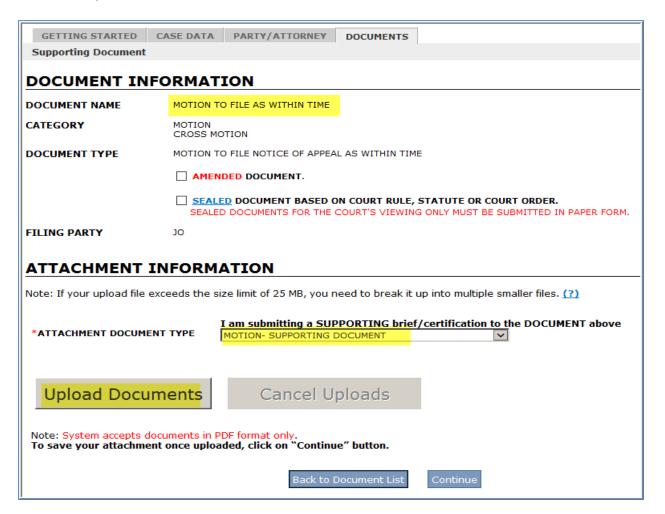
The motion requires supporting documentation, click the Edit button 🤛 to upload.



### **Attaching Document**

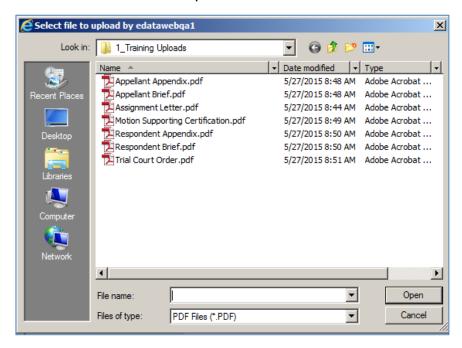
### **Upload Attachment**

Click on Upload Documents, this button will take you to the file structure on your computer.



#### **Locate Document to Upload**

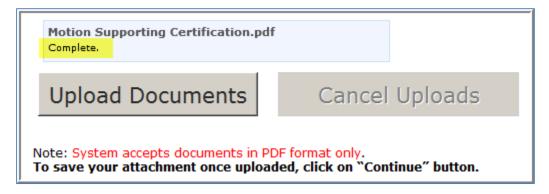
All documents for upload must be converted to a PDF Format.



### Selecting File to upload

Double Click on the document to upload from the screen above.

**Upload** is complete when the blue box indicating complete appears. If internet connection is slow wait for it to complete, do not cancel.

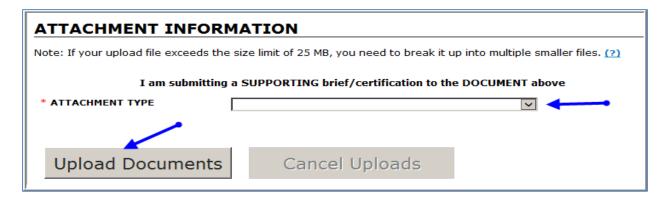


### Adding Additional Attachment to Motion.

Select the attachment button on the far right under operations.



Use the drop down and then upload your additional document.



#### **List of Documents**

All required documents for the appeal are now complete either by system generation or by upload.

- a. To view, click on the Operation view button to see each document individually, or view all the documents at the same time from the summary screen. Make sure they are correct at this time.
- b. To add an additional document use the **ADD DOCUMENT** button.



#### **Proof of Service**

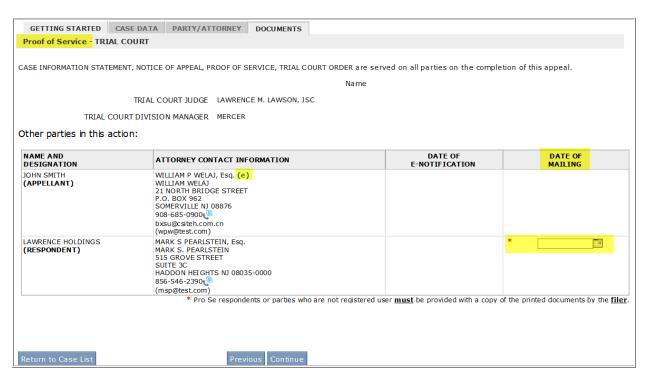
The system will serve the respondent, if the adversary is a registered user or has an email account. They will receive the link to these documents electronically. Otherwise, they must register with NJ-eDATA to view.

If the respondent attorney is not a registered user with NJ-eDATA, the Date of Mailing is a required field, enter the date and serve the party by paper. If the proof of service page shows date of mailing, then the respondent is not registered and MUST be served in paper.

Even if an email address has been entered, you must serve the non-registered party in paper. The system generated Proof of Service document will reflect both the electronic notification and the date of mailing if applicable.

eDATA will auto serve the trial court judge, the division manager or agency. They will receive a copy of the case initiating documents. The transcript office will get a notice that the appeal has been filed, only for case initiating documents.

eDATA displays an **(e)** next to the firm name on the Update Party page and by the attorney's name on the List of Parties, Proof of Service and Case Summary pages to denote registered eDATA users. If you do not see an **(e)** you must serve the other party in paper.

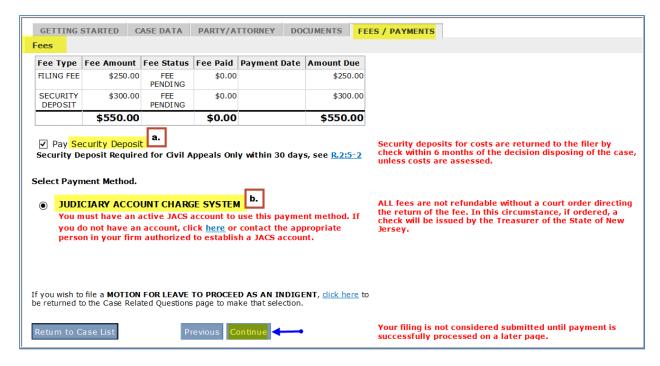


#### **Fees**

When the filer is not under the exempt status, they have to pay the filing fees.

So here on the Fees page, the filer has to select the payment method and when they continue all the way to the submit page, they will receive the JACS Payment screens to input their JACS account number.

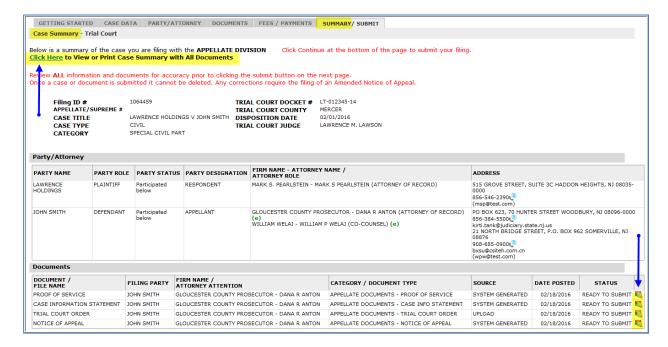
- a. Add the Security Deposit to your filing by checking the box.
- b. To pay the filing fees, indicate your payment method and then click Continue button.



Click Continue to proceed to the Case Summary page.

## **Case Summary Page**

Use the **CLICK HERE** link to view and/or print all the documents. To view individual document use the view icon on the far right.



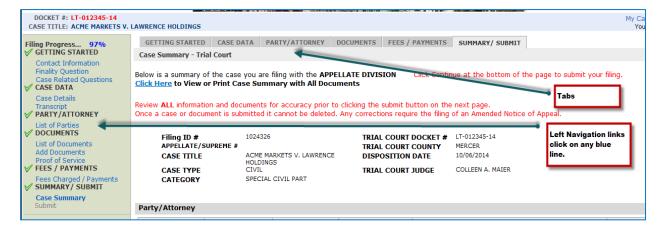
MAKE SURE THE DOCUMENTS ARE CORRECT BEFORE SUBMISSION BY USING THE EDIT BUTTON UNDER THE OPERATIONS SECTION.



ALL DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED ARE A PART OF THE RECORD. DEFICIENT DOCUMENTS CANNOT BE REMOVED UNLESS THEY WOULD CAUSE IRREPARABLE HARM

# Returning to a prior page before submit.

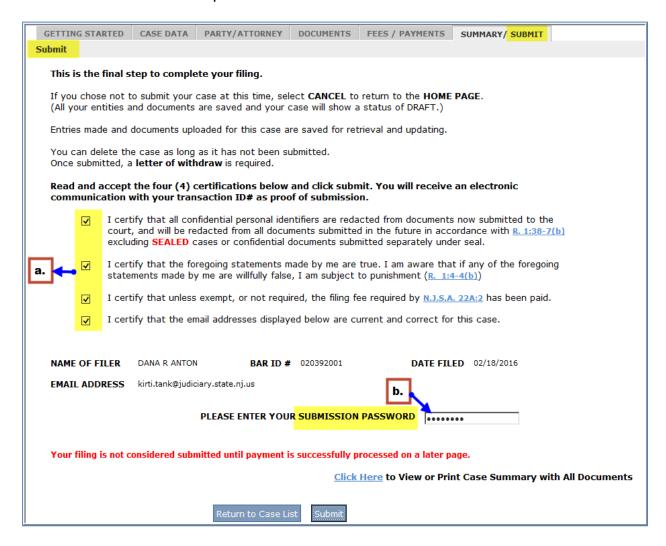
If you find a mistake when reviewing documents, you can always fix the mistake by returning to the section where the mistake was made. Click on the tabs at the top or on links in the green left navigation bar to edit.



#### **Submit**

Filer Name, Bar ID #, Date Filed and Email address are prefilled on this screen.

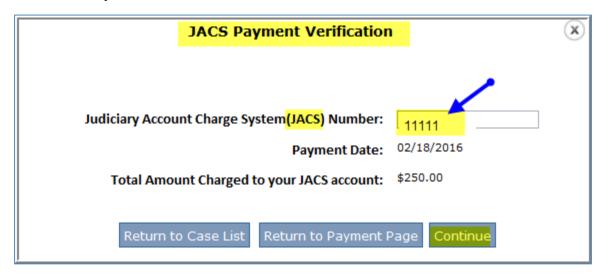
- a. Read each certification and check the boxes.
- Use Submission password and Submit.



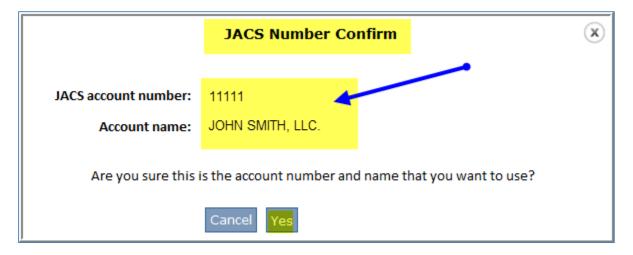
## **JACS Payment Screens**

When the filer is not under the exempt status, they have to pay the filing fees and the filing is not considered submitted until payment is successfully processed here on this JACS Payment screen.

Enter your collateral JACS account number and click Continue.

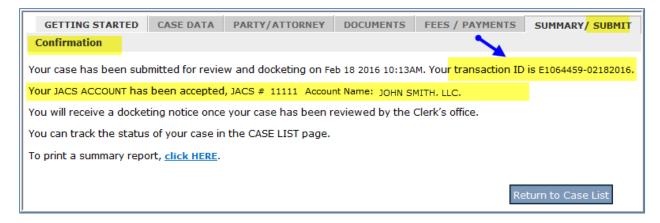


System will display the JACS account number and the Account Name to confirm. Click Yes.



#### Confirmation

Clicking Yes on the JACS Number Confirm screen will submit your entire filing and will create the Transaction ID.



#### **Email**

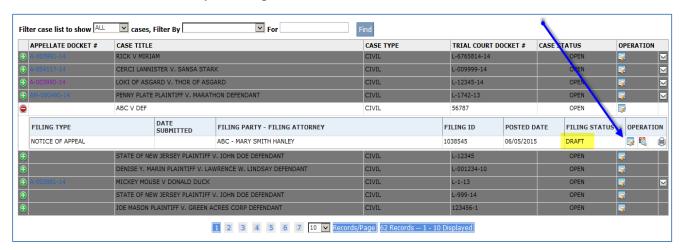
Notification is received immediately. Information about the filing is contained within the email but you will need to enter eDATA to view the specifics.



- 1. A Submission is a case or document submitted by the filer.
- 2. A Communication is either from a filer or the court.
- A Notification is a document from the court.

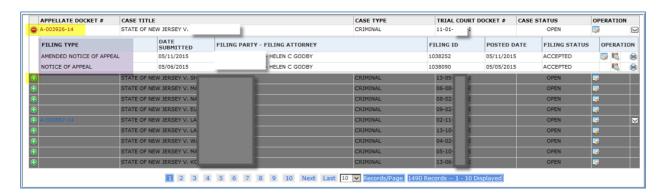
# To update a draft filing (Case or Document not submitted)

A filing is considered a draft when you start creating the case or document but do not finish the submission to the court. You are able to continue finishing cases or documents in draft by clicking on the edit button.



## Viewing documents in a Pending Case

From "My Case List" page, click on sign or click on the docket number link to view filings in a case that has been accepted.



Click on docket number to see full Docket Information screen and the click on document title link to view actual documents.

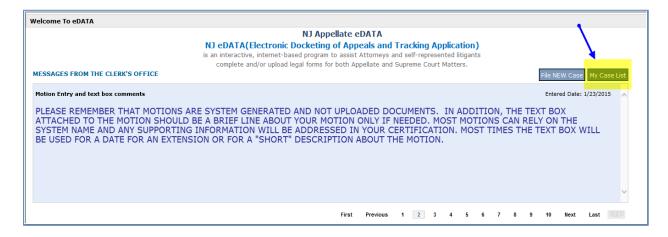


# **Amending an Appeal**

If you receive notification that your appeal is deficient and case data or case details are wrong you will need to amend the Notice of Appeal.

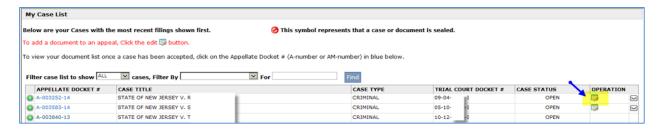
# Log in to eDATA

Click on My Case List button.



#### Select Case to edit

Click edit button by the case for which you want to add the Amended NOA.



### Select the Filing Type

Click on the button that reads I am filing an AMENDED NOTICE OF APPEAL. Then click edit selected.

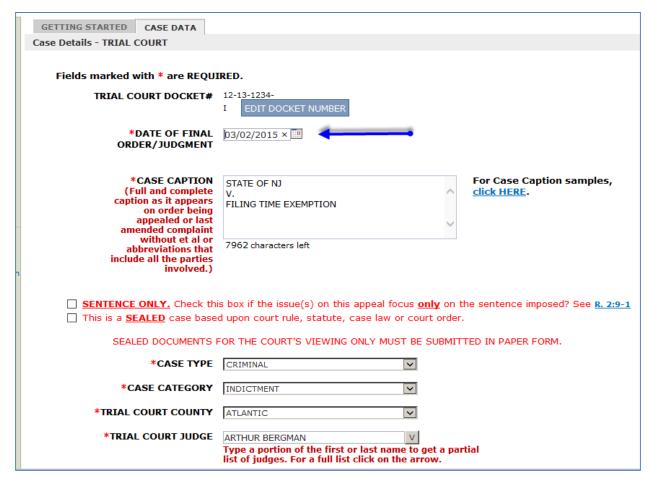


# Explain why the appeal is being Amended



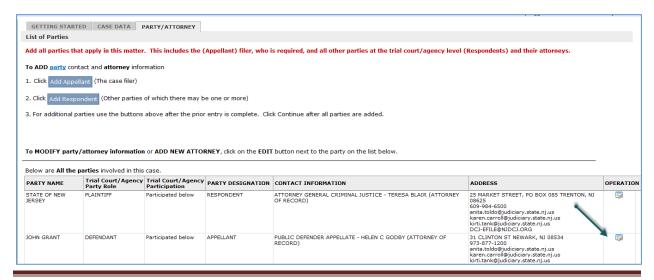
#### **Edit Case Data**

Edit any information on this screen.



## **Edit Party**

If the caption changes it may be necessary to edit your party name. Use the edit button by your party to make that change or if the party was spelled incorrectly, edit that here and update the spelling. Click continue.



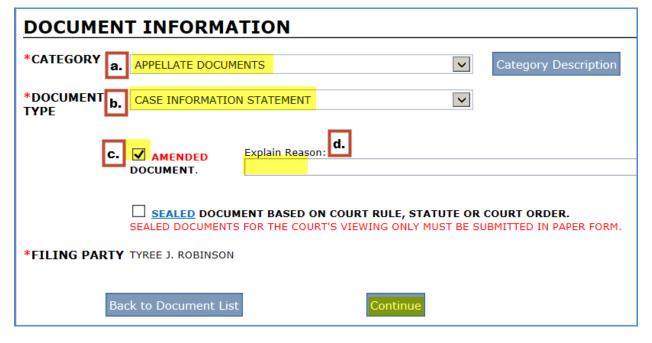
### **Amended CIS**

Any of the changes in data or party name require an amended CIS. Click Add New Documents button to add the Amended CIS.



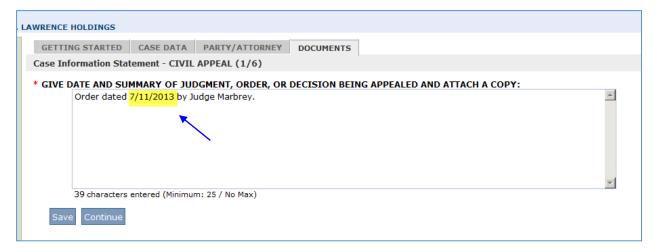
#### Add document information

- a. Category Appellate Documents.
- b. Document type Case Information Statement.
- c. Check the Amended Box.
- d. Explain the reason and click Continue.



#### Edit details within the case information statement

For any change in data, case details in the CIS document may change. Change the details if necessary here.

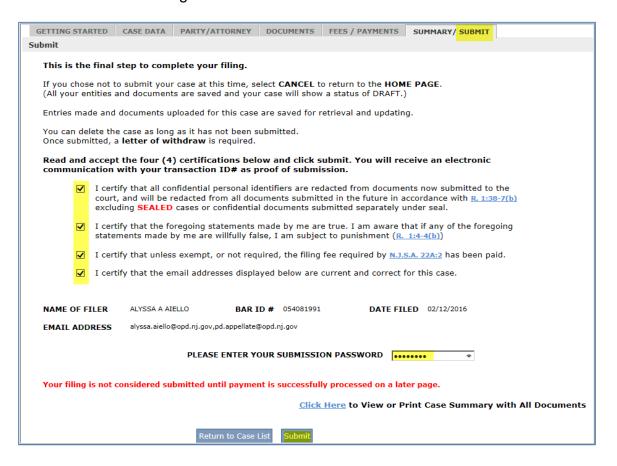


#### Continue through pages to submit screen

Edit each page of the CIS if necessary. For changes in the Party name you may not need to edit the CIS but you will need to amend it so that the party information is correct.

#### **Submit Documents**

You will click through several more pages to get to the submit page. Click all the certification boxes, type your submission password and click submit. A Transaction ID will be generated and a confirmation of the submission will be transmitted along with an email.

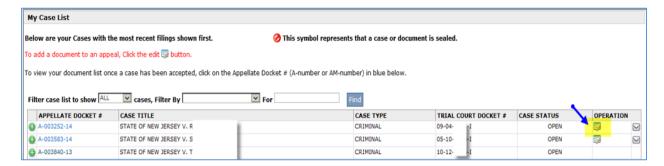


# **Motion Creation on Pending Case**

## **Initial Steps**

- 1. Sign in to eDATA
- 2. Click on My Case List

Click on Edit button pto add any document to an appeal.

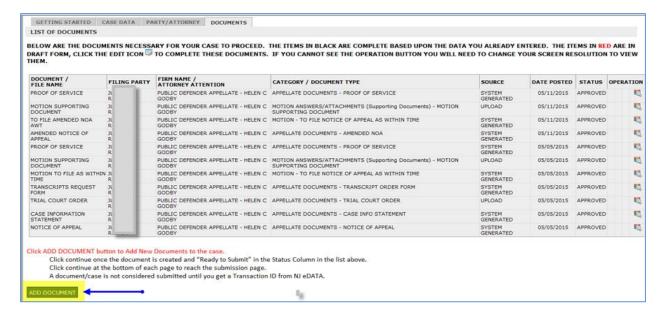


3. Select I am adding DOCUMENTS, then click on Edit Selected button.



#### **Add Document**

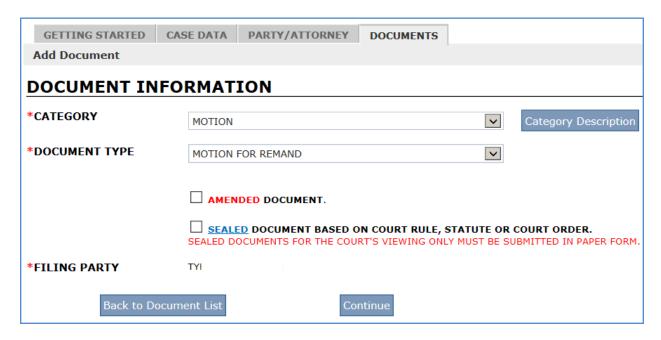
On the list of documents page, click on ADD DOCUMENT button to add your motion.



#### **Document Information**

Pick Motion from the CATEGORY drop down.
Use the DOCUMENT TYPE drop down to pick the type of motion (see figure 2 for the list)

Click on Continue button at bottom of page.



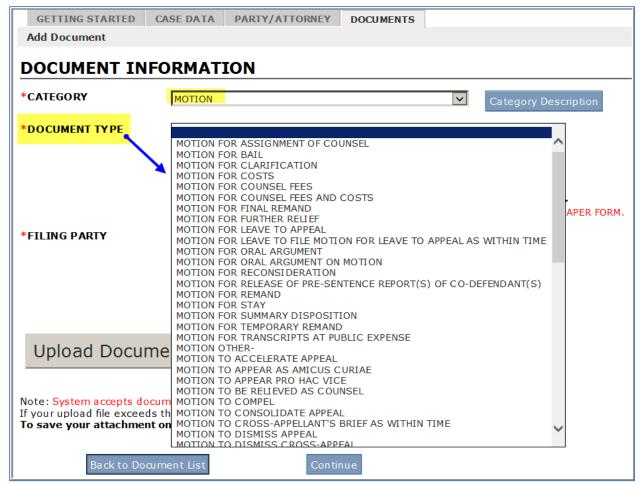
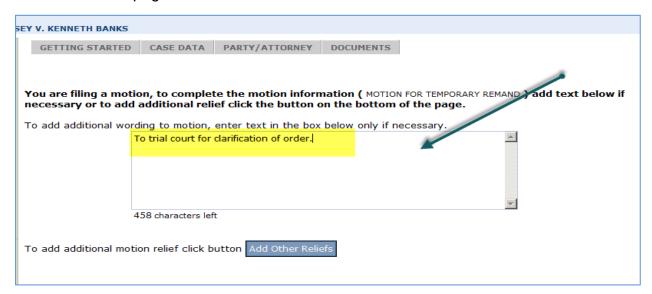


Figure 2: Motion Document Type.

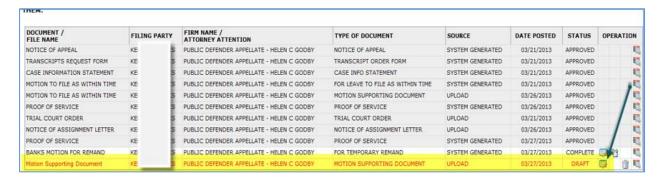
#### **Add Motion Text**

If necessary add text to motion to expand upon the motion type, this is not required unless you are asking to extend time. Click on continue button at bottom of page.



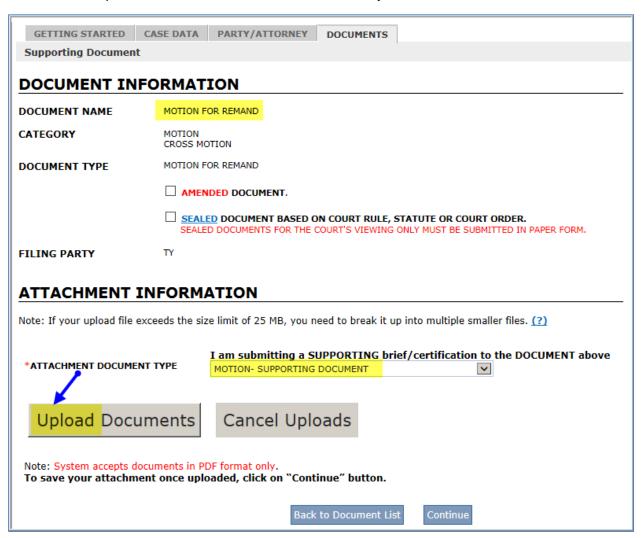
#### List of documents

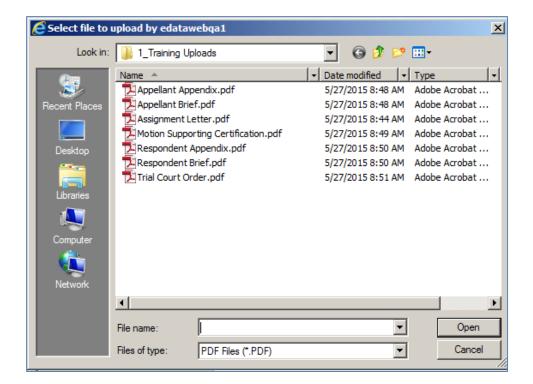
Upload your certification in support of motion by clicking the edit button and search for your supporting brief or certification.



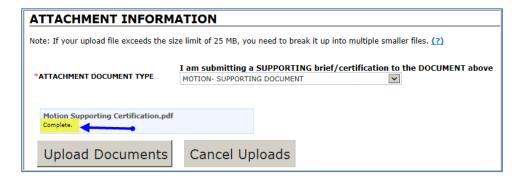
## **Upload Document Information**

Click Upload Documents button to search for your document.

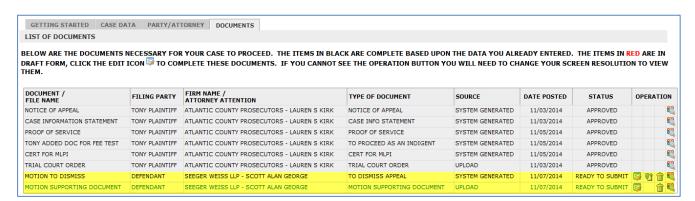




File complete message →

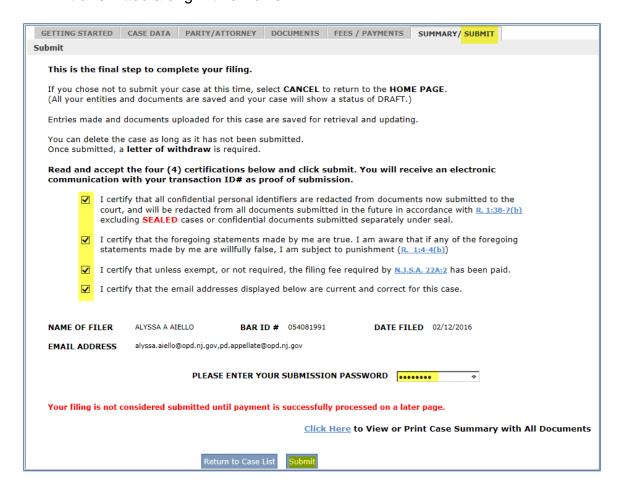


Return to List of Documents to add more or continue. Items that are complete and ready for submission indicate the same in the status column.



You will click through several more pages to get to the submit page. Click all the certification boxes, type your submission password and click submit. A

Transaction ID will be generated and a confirmation of the submission will be transmitted along with an email.



# **Transcripts**

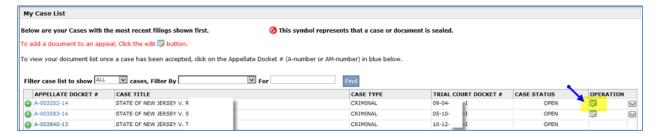
# **Filing Transcripts**

Transcripts that are ordered with the notice of appeal through a transcript request form are submitted to the court by the court reporter, or transcription agency through a CD. Transcripts are then uploaded to the Appellate case management system by the Clerk's office and synched to eDATA. You will receive a paper copy of the transcript from the court reporter or agency. Please do not submit the three additional transcript copies until you receive your scheduling order. Your adversary will have access to the transcripts through eDATA.

If transcripts are in your possession and you do not have a CD, please call the court reporter who prepared your transcript and request a copy on CD. Send the CD to your Appellate division case manager. If no CD is available, scan and upload the transcript to the case.

## Ordering transcripts after appeal is submitted.

Click on the edit button of the case in which you want to order additional transcripts.

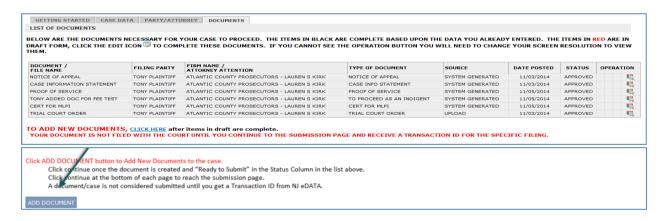


Click on I am adding Documents and click on Edit Selected.



#### **Add Document**

On the list of documents page use the **ADD DOCUMENT** button to add your transcript.



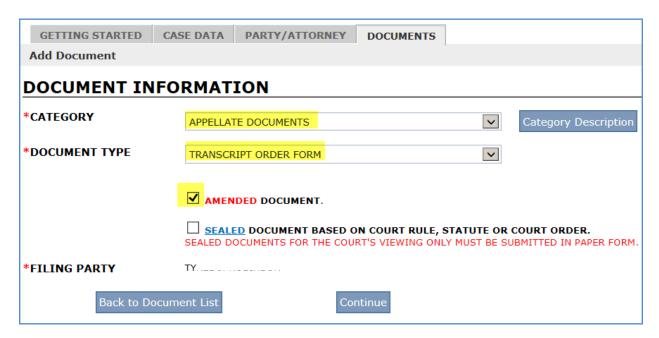
#### **Add Document Information**

Category is Appellate Documents.

Document Type is Transcript Order Form.

Click "Amended Document" check box if you are changing the prior information.

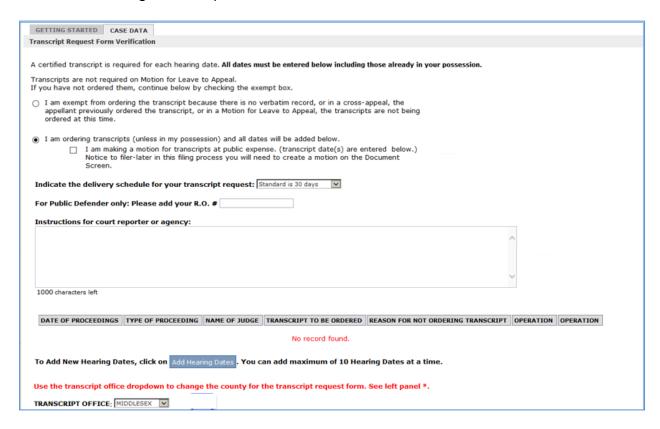
#### Click Continue Button.



### **Transcript page**

Fill in appropriate information on the Transcript Request Form Verification page. If you need to amend the county, do so using the county drop down.

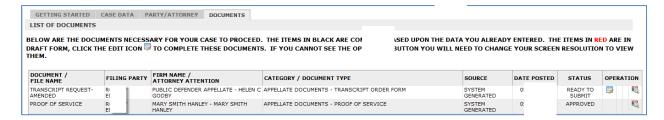
Click on Add Hearing Dates button and fill out Date of Proceeding, Type of Proceeding, Transcript to be ordered check box.



Click continue.

#### **List of Documents**

The transcript request form now shows ready to submit, continue to the submission page for filing.

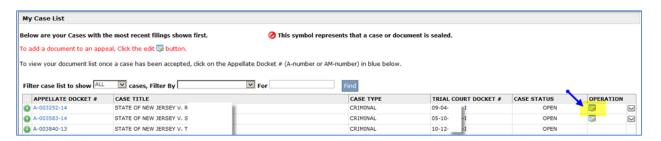


## **Briefs**

### **Filing Briefs**

### **Initial Steps**

- 1. Sign in to eDATA.
- 2. Click on My Case List
- 3. Select the case in which you are adding the brief and click on Edit 🗐 button.



### **Select Filing Type**

Select I am adding DOCUMENTS and click on Edit Selected button.



#### **Add Document**

On the list of documents page use the ADD DOCUMENT button to add your brief.



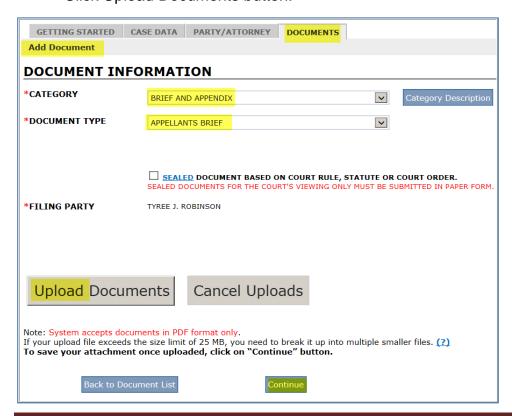
#### **Document Information**

Category is BRIEF AND APPENDIX from the drop down.

Document Type is APPELLANT'S BRIEF for brief only upload. If combined pick APPELLANT'S BRIEF AND APPENDIX.

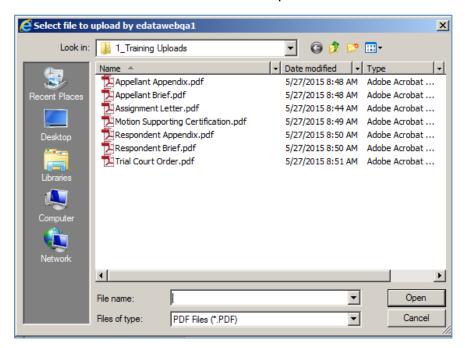
\*\* It has been suggested that you file your brief and appendix as separate documents. That way if there is a typo in a brief you won't have to rescan the appendix if they were previously combined.

Click Upload Documents button.



#### **Upload**

Double Click on the file to be uploaded.



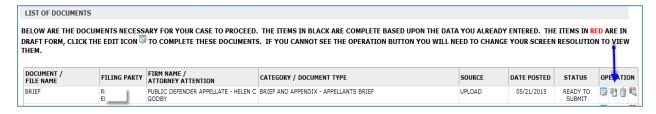
### **Upload Complete**

Click continue once the upload indicates that it is complete.



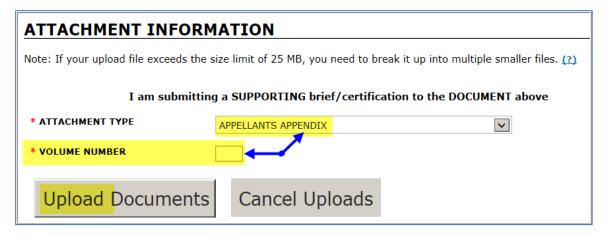
#### **Add Attachment**

To add an appendix that is separate from the brief, click the attachment link next to the brief that was just uploaded, from the list of documents.



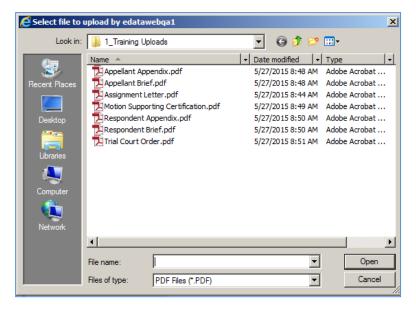
#### **Attachment Information**

Select the attachment type from the drop down and click upload. When uploading an appendix to the case, you are required to add a volume number.



### **Upload**

Double click on the file to be uploaded.



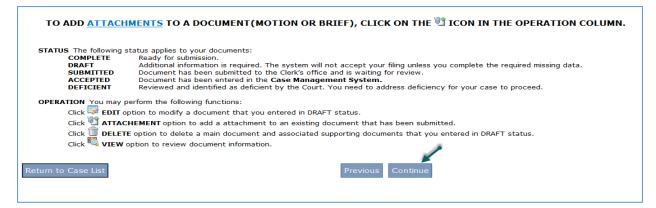
### **Upload Complete**

Click back to document list once all attachments are uploaded.



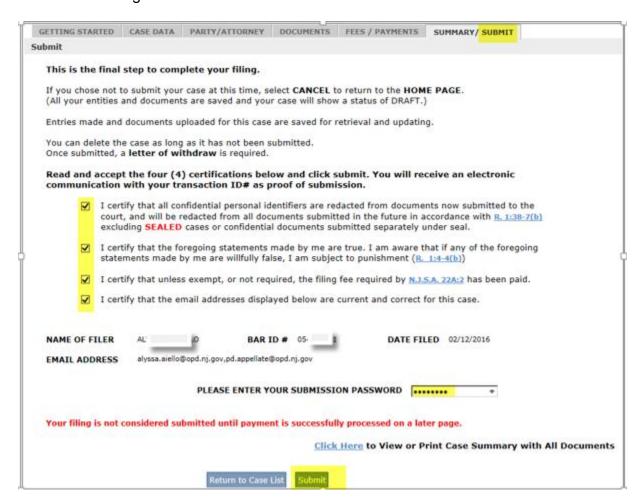
#### **Submitting Document**

From the List of Documents screen, click on continue at the bottom of page until you get to the submit page.



#### **Submit**

You will click through several more pages to get to the submit page. Click all the certification boxes, type your submission password and click submit. A Transaction ID will be generated and a confirmation of the submission will be transmitted along with an email.



### **Brief Copies**

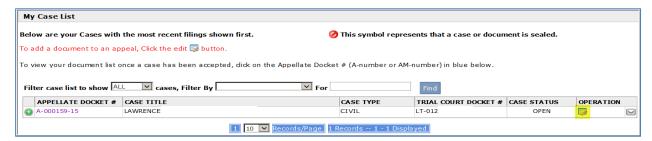
Once the brief is reviewed, the case manager will either approve the document or advise of a deficiency. Once approved, a filed stamp is applied. This is when you will print out a filed copy to provide the court with three additional sets.

# **Add Designated Counsel/Co-Counsel**

Designated Counsel or Co-Counsel are entered by the attorney of record where the original attorney remains in the case but is adding a second or third attorney to the party they represent.

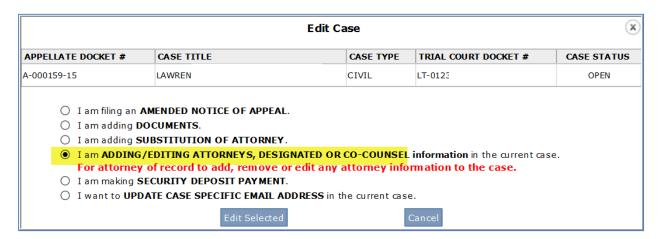
Use this when you want to add another attorney from your firm or an outside firm as co-counsel. This will give that attorney access to the case but the filer will remain the attorney of record.

Click on edit button point of the case you want to enter the designated counsel.



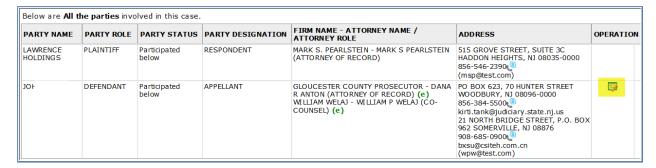
## **Filing Type**

Click on the radio button "I am ADDING/EDITING ATTORNEYS, DESIGNATED OR CO-COUNSEL information in the Case". Then click Edit Selected.



# **Edit Party**

On the List of Parties page, click on the edit 🦻 button.

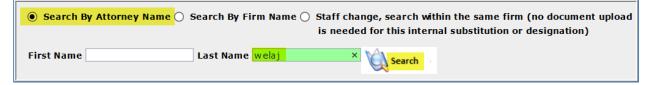


Scroll down to click the plus sign under the previous filer's attorney information to add to the attorney in this case.

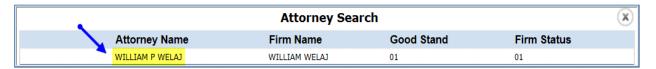


#### **Search Attorney by Name**

1. Search for an individual attorney by clicking on that button and entering the attorney's name, then click on the search button.



2. Double click on the Attorney's name.

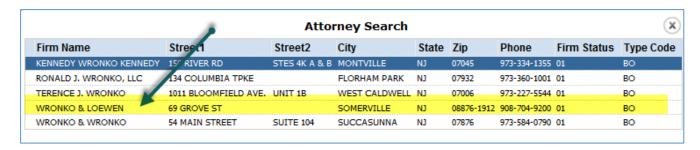


#### **Search Attorney by Firm**

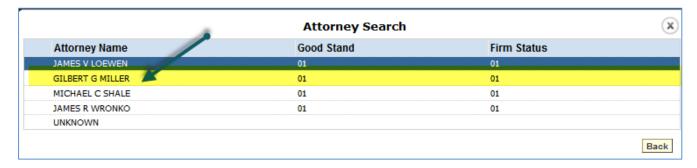
1. Type in firm name and click on the search we button.



2. All firm names are displayed, double click on the correct firm to select the individual attorneys associated with the firm.



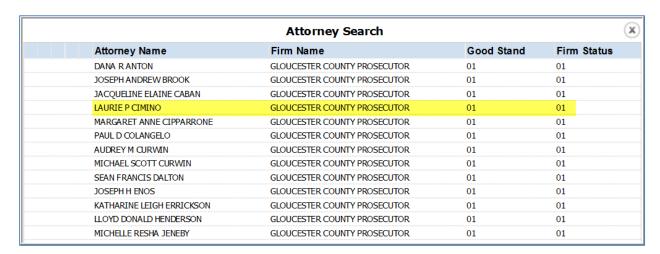
List of Attorneys is displayed, double click on the appropriate attorney to select.



### Search within your own firm



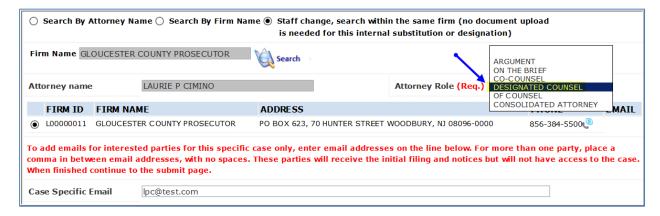
- a. Select the appropriate radio button for Staff Change and click Search
- b. Scroll down and double click on the appropriate attorney. Double click on the name.



## **Confirm Attorney Information**

Make sure the attorney role (designated counsel or co-counsel) is selected. If this attorney does not have the eCourts email, you are required to type his email in the case specific email field.

To add a second designated counsel or co-counsel click the + button. Click Continue when complete.



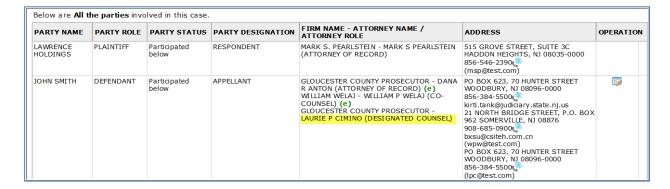
#### **Consolidated Attorney**

For attorneys involved in a consolidated case, the consolidated attorney option has been added to the Attorney Role drop down menu.



# **Review the Filing**

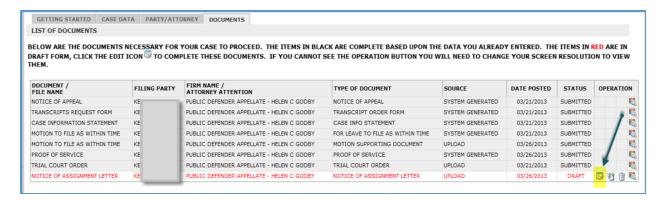
Review the new attorney information on the List of Party page in this filing.



## **File Assignment Letter**

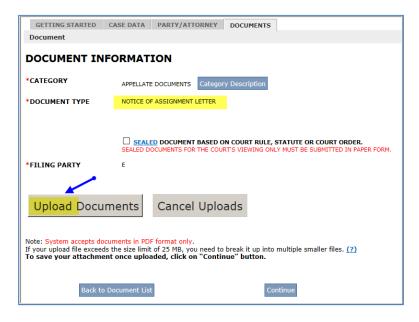
For attorneys outside your own office, an assignment letter or letter regarding cocounsel status is needed. For adding co-counsel within your office, the system views this as a staff change and no letter is required and you can continue on to the submit page.

To file Assignment Letter click on edit 🗐 button.



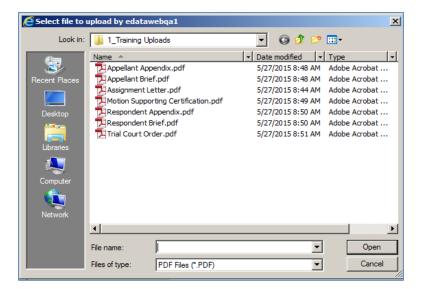
### **Document Information Upload**

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### Retrieve PDF from Folder

Remember to convert all documents to a PDF format.



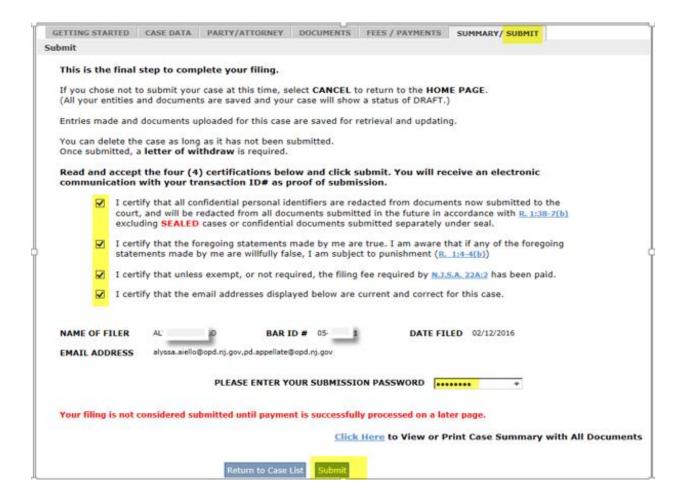
# **Upload Complete**

Click continue at bottom of page.



#### **Submit**

You will click through several more pages to get to the submit page. Click all the certification boxes, type your submission password and click submit. A Transaction ID will be generated and a confirmation of the submission will be transmitted along with an email.



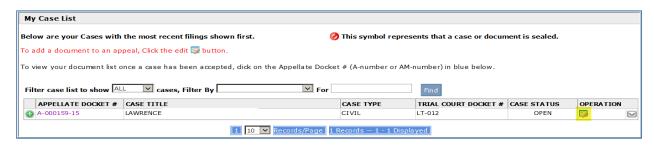
# **Substitution of Attorney**

# Removing Yourself from a Case

A substitution of attorney removes you as the attorney of record. You will no longer get notices and only have access to prior information that you created in NJ eDATA. To remain involved in an appeal, but have another attorney take over as attorney of record; use the designated counsel filing.

#### **Initial Steps**

- 1. Sign in to eDATA.
- 2. Click on My Case List.
- 3. Select the case in which you are adding the substitution and click on Edit button.

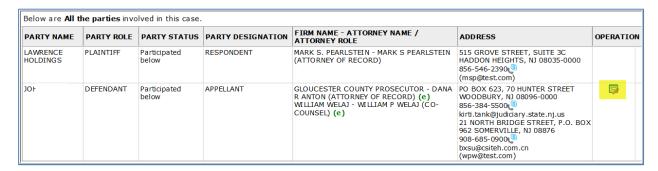


Select I am adding SUBSTITUTION OF ATTORNEY. Click on Edit Selected button.



#### **Edit Party**

In the list of parties edit your client by clicking on the edit putton.

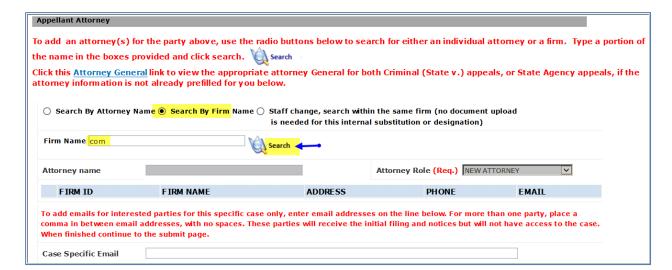


### **Update Party**

The upper portion of the party information is not available for edit. Scroll down to the Appellant Attorney information.

#### **Select Attorney**

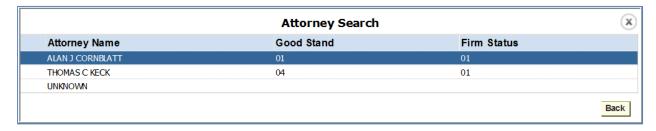
To substitute private counsel, search by either Attorney Name or Search by Firm Name. Type in a Name and then click when button.



Select the firm name by double clicking on it.



Select the individual attorney in the firm by double clicking on that name.

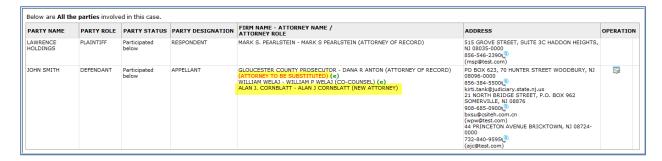


If this new attorney does not have the eCourts email, you are required to type his email in the case specific email field. Confirm new attorney's email because this is required for proper service. Then click continue.



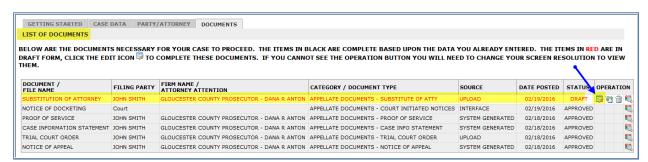
A substitution of attorney and a designated counsel can be added to the same case by different entries. Click continue to move forward.

Each filing must be made separately and accepted by the Clerk's office before the next can be entered.



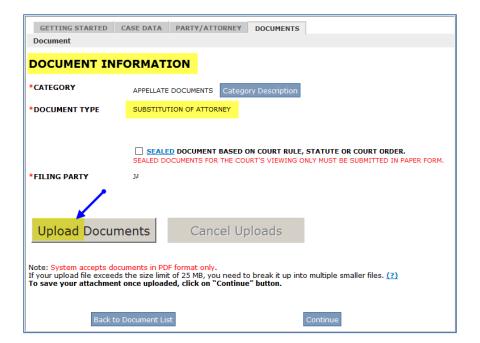
#### **List of Documents**

An upload of a substitution of Attorney or a letter assigning/substituting staff counsel is required in the list of documents unless the substitution is within the same firm. The list below shows the required document. Click the edit button.



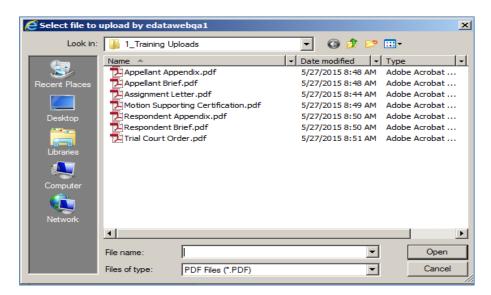
#### **Document Information**

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#### **Upload**

Double click on the document you want to upload.



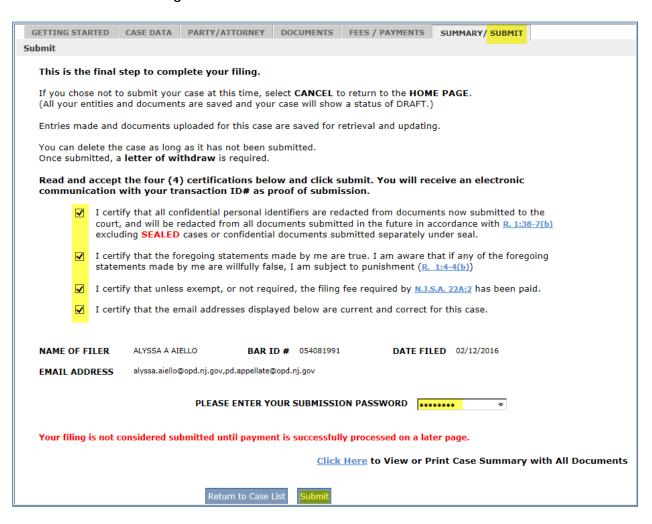
#### **Upload Complete**

Click continue once the upload is complete.



#### Submit

You will click through several more pages to get to the submit page. Click all the certification boxes, type your submission password and click submit. A Transaction ID will be generated and a confirmation of the submission will be transmitted along with an email.



# **Internal Staff Changes**

Changes of attorneys within a firm can be entered without the requirement of a document acknowledging the change. The new attorney information will be entered upon the removal or addition of a member of the firm, following the instructions below.

Attorneys of Record can either be removed from a case completely (**Substitution**), or can be added to the case (**Designation**) in the following ways.

Click on the hyperlink in blue to view the flow for either filing.

#### **Substitution**

<u>Substitution</u> removes the attorney from the case by substituting another member of the same firm. The initial filer would still see the case on their case list but only up until the date of the substitution. Upon the entry of the substitution to another member of the firm, that new attorney will have the case added to their case list.

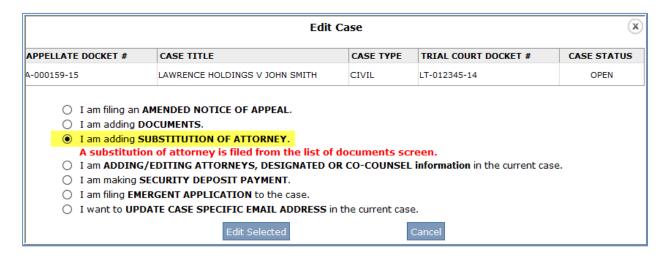
#### **Substitution Steps**

To remove yourself from a case perform the following steps:

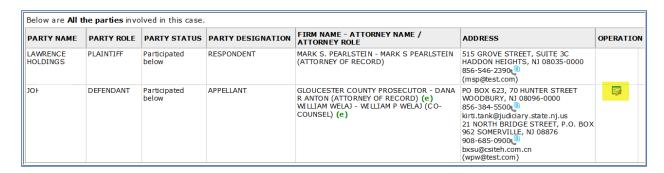
1. Login and go to case list, click on the edit button on the selected case.



Select I am adding SUBSTITUTION OF ATTORNEY and then click Edit Selected.



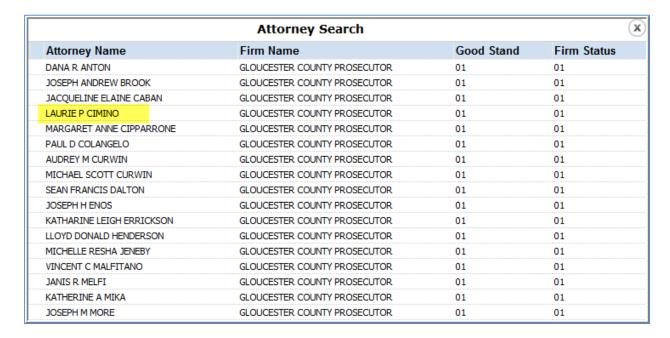
3. On List of Parties, click the edit button.



 Click the Staff Change for internal transfer of the case to another staff member in your office.



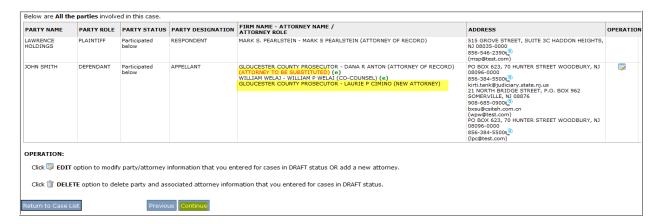
5. A pop up will show a list of attorneys within the firm. Double click on the correct name. If someone does not appear please contact our eDATA team and we will have them added, 609-292-4591.



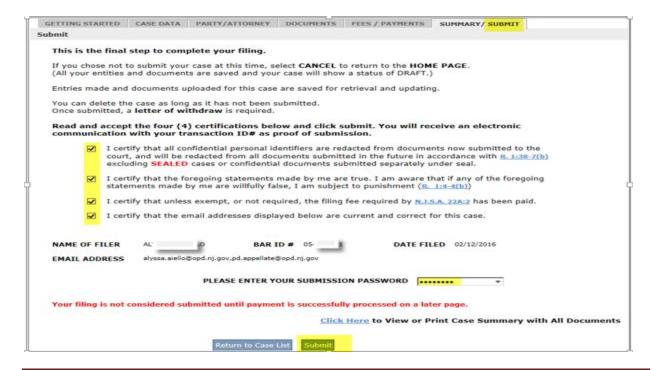
6. The new attorney information will prefill. Make sure the correct email address is entered and then click continue.



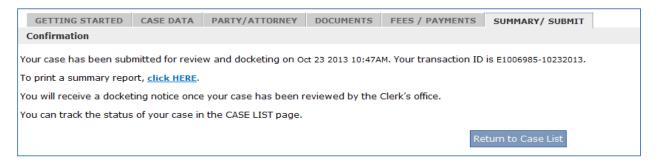
7. The information is now stored but you must click continue through to submission page.



8. You will click through several more pages to get to the submit page. Click all the certification boxes, type your submission password and click submit.



9. Once you get through to the submit page you will receive a transaction ID, your substitution is not filed until you click submit and you receive the transaction ID. This is an automatic process, the substituted counsel can see the case right away and the new attorney of record does not have to wait for acceptance to add designated counsel.



## **Designation**

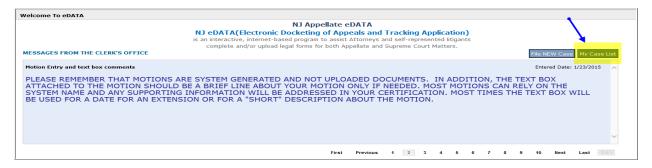
<u>Designation</u> adds an attorney to the case. Adding a designated attorney allows another member of the firm to have access to viewing the case. The original firm member would retain the case in their case list. This would happen more often with supervising attorneys remaining in a case for viewing purposes but assigning the case to an associate within the same firm.

#### **Designation Steps**

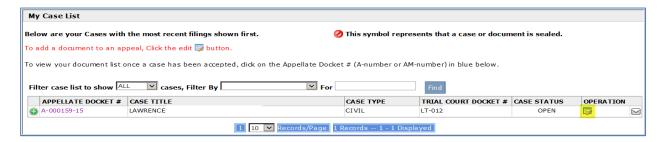
Designation of Counsel within the same firm:

To add another attorney or more to a case that the attorney of record is remaining in, follow the Add/Edit attorney route.

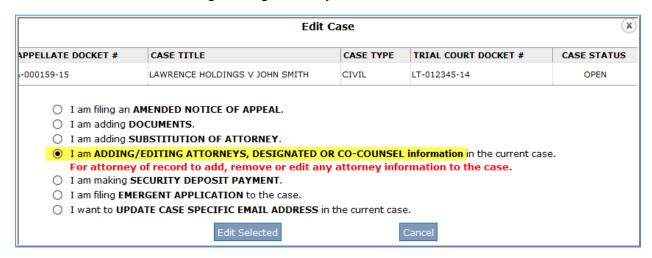
1. Login to eDATA and go to your case list.



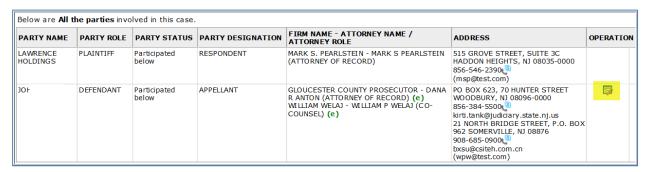
Select the case you are editing.



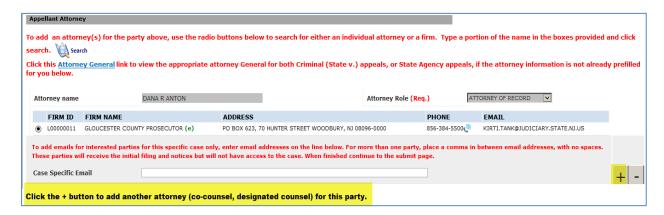
3. Click "I am Adding/Editing Attorneys" radio button.



4. On List of Parties, click the edit button.



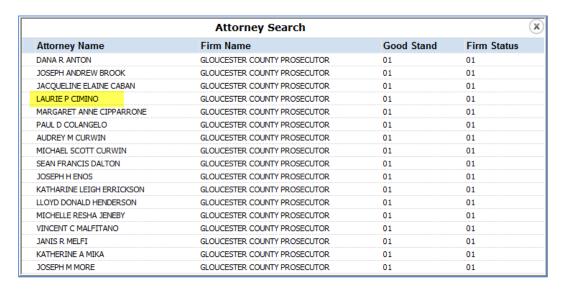
On Update (Appellant/Respondent) scroll down to the attorney of record. If a
previous attorney was substituted, scroll down to the second attorney. Use
the + sign at the bottom right hand side of the box to open a new attorney
field.



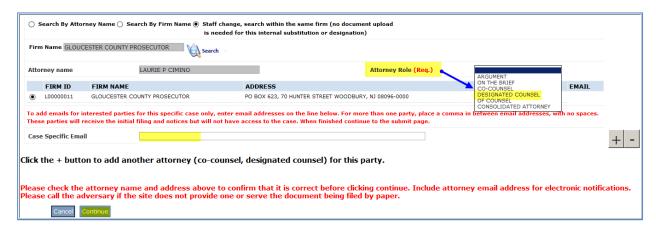
6. Click on the Staff change button. The firm name is prefilled, click Search.



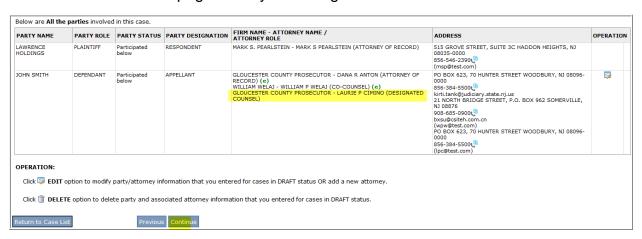
7. A popup of the firm members is displayed. Double Click on the attorney to be added.



8. The attorney information is now entered. Click on the attorney role and update the attorney email or confirm that it is correct. Click continue. You can add another attorney within the firm by clicking the plus sign again if needed.



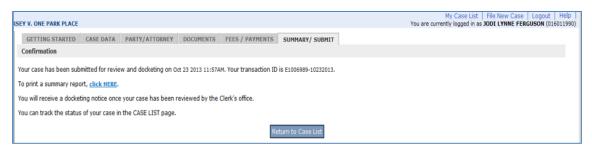
9. On the List of Parties page the information is stored. Click continue through to the submit page to file your change.



10. You will click through several more pages to get to the submit page. Click all the certification boxes, type your submission password and click submit.



11. The filing is not submitted until you see the transaction ID. The filing then automatically saves the stored information. The designated counsel will now have the case added to their case list.



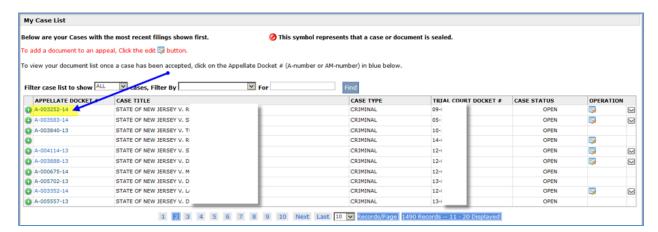
# **eDATA Communications**

## **Receiving communications**

1. Receipt of an eDATA communication comes through your email. You then need to enter the system and go to the case to review the communication.



2. On the case list page click on the docket number link to open the Docket Information page to view the list of documents.

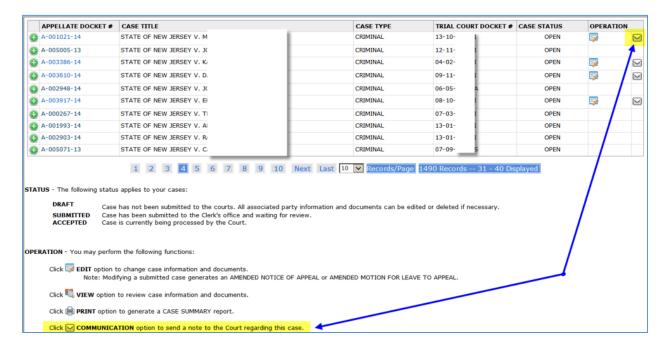


3. Review the communication.

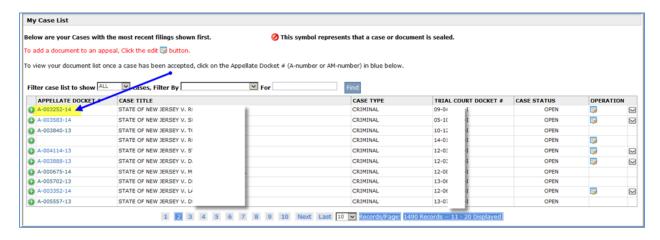


## **Returning eDATA Communications**

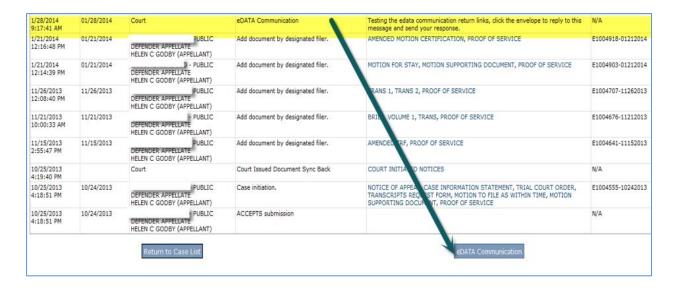
- 1. Once in the case list you can send eDATA communications in two ways.
- a. On the case list page by clicking on the envelope:



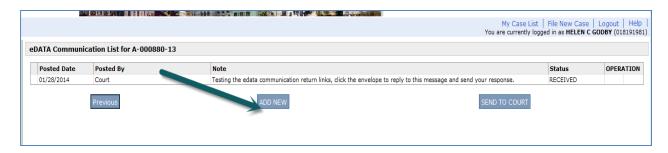
b. On the case list page click on the docket number link to open the Docket Information page to view the list of documents.



c. Read the communication from the court and then click the button eDATA COMMUNICATION at the bottom right hand side of the page.



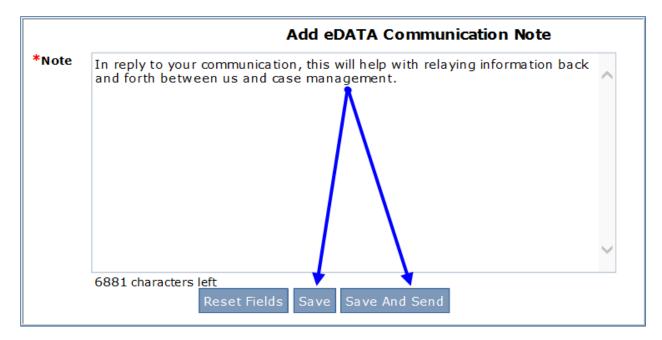
4. Once either the envelope 
or the button be given an eDATA Communication list if there is one. Click add new to reply.



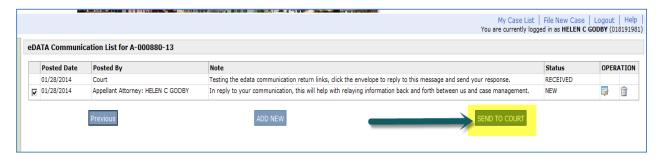
5. Use the note area to add the text for your reply. Click Save or Save and Send.

Use the "Save and Send" feature, if you are certain that you do not need to edit your comment.

Use the "Save" button if you want to review the communication and send later. If you use "Save", you are returned to the eDATA Communication list for review of your comment. Select your comment and Click Send to Court for your response to be submitted.



6. You are returned to the eDATA Communication list for review of your comment. Select your comment and Click Send to Court for your response to be submitted.

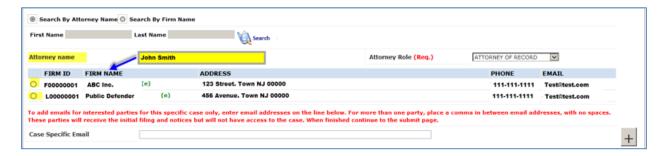


7. Once sent, a record will display that status.



# Attorneys associated with multiple firm/businesses address

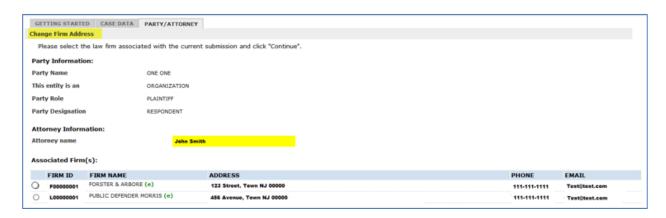
If an attorney is associated to multiple firms, a list of the firms will display on the List of Parties page and a firm selection will be required in order to proceed with the filing.



Note: If the filing was submitted with the incorrect firm for the attorney, only the attorney with the multiple associations can make the correction in eDATA. The attorney will have to log into eDATA and from the Edit Case popup options, select "I am editing the firm address associated with this case."



On the next screen, select the firm that should be associated to the case.



# **Modifying Case Specific Email**

To edit the case specific email originally entered, select "I want to update case specific email address in the current case." from the Edit Case popup options.

